# DESTINY





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# Life Unaffected by Time

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only the wealth of its timber in terms applicable to logging operations and the product of the sawmill. Such miss the real majesty and glory of creation in all of its splendor, for "only God can make a tree."

Standing today as weather-beaten sentinels of the past, towering above all the vegetation around them, are the giant trees in the ancient forests of the west. Many of these Cedars were but tender saplings—just breaking the ground—a century or two after Noah and his sons began their mission of re-peopling the earth, following the destruction wrought by the Deluge. Today they are the oldest living evidence of a life which has spanned the centuries; trees which had come to maturity before Rome was founded and under whose shadows the wild beasts lay in the days when Israel was yet wandering in the wilderness.

When one, for the first time, beholds these towering monarchs of the forest, words fail to express the awe and grandeur such an impressive sight engenders. The call of the forest beckons; and as one lingers amid these giants — whose shadows are lengthening as a setting sun sinks below the distant horizon — the whispering sound of an evening wind, high overhead, becomes its own tone poem, bringing tidings of a hoary past; mute testimony of the actuality of centuries of life.

Here is concrete evidence that life can span centuries of time. As the visitor tries to grasp the significance of such an existence there comes to remembrance the words of the prophet regarding a day yet coming when men shall live, and not die. "For as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands."

Can it be that God in His providence has preserved these Giants of Antiquity as a testimony, for the purpose of giving force and meaning to the words of His prophet — in a living demonstration of life unaffected by time? It would seem so, for the Bible is definite in its promises that there are those who, complying with the conditions, will qualify for such an existence. As the life of these giant Cedars of the forest, so shall be the life of a man.

### WHAT WE STAND FOR~

Saxon, Celtic and kindred peoples are Israel, with all that this implies in God's relation with mankind, we give here a brief outline of who we are and what we stand for.

We who believe in the Truth of Israel are plain Americans who have seen God's Hand in our history, and for the most part we are churchmen and churchwomen who see God's Word in the Scriptures (II Tim. 3: 16).

Names more often mislabel than describe the things to which they are affixed. Anglo-Saxon is a noble name when it is clearly understood; it is also a very inclusive name. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God (Ps. 99: 5), not man.

We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the

earth (Matt. 6: 33).

We believe that in the Bible we have plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul (I Thess. 5: 23), for the moral order of society, for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity (Deut. 28). In the Law we find the moral and economic order by which God intended to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live (Deut. 30: 10-16). In the History we see our Israel forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, correction and punishment (I and II Kings). In the Prophets we have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action (Deut. 27; 28; Isa. 1; 50). In the Gospels we have our Lord offering to set up again the Kingdom of God in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King (Matt. 5; 6; 7; Lk. 2: 32; John 1: 49). In the Apostles and the Church we have all this as a precious possibility at any time we are ready for it, but at present under the phase of personal religion without larger social manifestation (Acts 16: 31); in brief, but one hemisphere of the whole of God's Truth. We therefore claim to stand for the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ (Isa. 8: 20).

#### An Unalterable Covenant

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that we—the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic and kindred peoples are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant and upon whom He laid His Law, "Which if a man do, he shall live." (Lev. 18: 5; Ezek. 33: 15, 16.)

That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations (Deut. 7: 6-8). This people He called Israel (Gen. 32: 28). Selected, disciplined and dispersed on their mission, they are as really existing and working now as in Bible times. In ignorance of their identity, they have been blindly (II Cor. 3: 14) fulfilling part of God's purpose, but we believe the foretold time is now come when they shall know who they are and what they are here to do (Jer. 31: 31-34). This publication is but one sign of this awakening.

We know the divine destiny that Israel was commissioned to fulfill (Deut. 26: 17-19).

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We know that Israel left Palestine (II Kings 17: 18) while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles, then on to America. By what the Prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" (Jer. 31: 21) they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do (Isa. 51).

#### Our Place in the Plan

It is a marvelous history. We still live in Bible times in the truest sense. The United States and Canada are peopled with branches of Israel, the Covenant People. And being who they are, and where they are, their responsibility as human channels through which the purpose of God is to flow to the nations is very great. DESTINY MAGAZINE recognizes that responsibility.

So that we stand for the Bible (II Pet. 1: 21), for Christian truth in all its parts (Rom. 6: 23; 8: 38, 39), and for the place of the American

people in the plan of God.

Israel was not chosen for its special work by reason of any superiority to other people (Deut. 7: 6-8; Ezek. 26: 32); their promised greatness (Deut. 32:8), which has been so markedly fulfilled, was not given for their own aggrandizement but as necessary equipment for the world work they were to do. Everywhere the notes of Israel are civil and religious liberty (Lev. 25:10). The Bohemians who stood for Huss, the liberty-loving and Godfearing men of Holland and Belgium, the Brittany men of France, the Saxons of Germany, the Scandinavians and Britons and North Americans all belong to the Israel stream of destiny. Even in Russia are pockets of Israel - for through Russia and Poland in days before Christ, dispersed Israel was slowly filing across Europe to "the appointed place." (II Sam. 7: 10.)

#### Regarding the Jews

Nor do we overlook the Jews who, as descendants of the "remnant" of Judah, returned from the Babylonian captivity to (Continued on page 24)

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# OBSERVATIONS OF THE MONTH

as prophecy becomes history

#### Removing the Dross

TIME MAGAZINE for December 1, 1941, carries an account of an interesting survey made by the magazine Fortune. This survey shows a national pessimism regarding the future — not as to armed conflict or its outcome, but regarding the economic and political repercussions following the close of the present war.

The optimism of past generations regarding the opportunities confronting coming generations is lacking in the gloomy attitude evidenced in the answers made in response to the questionnaire sent out for the purpose of this survey. The sum and substance of the returns clearly indicate a general fear of the future as to living standards and increase in governmental control that will not save the situation. These returns give a classic example of the fulfillment in our time of an important prophecy uttered by Jesus regarding these very days, when He said, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." (Luke 21: 26.) Such an attitude on the part of men is justified if the world situation is taken into consideration from the human point of view only. The outlook is anything but pleasant.

Our vaunted civilization has run amuck. The contributions of science that should have lifted men out of the mire of the slough of despond are being used to drive them into the darkness of an abyss and, if successful, will destroy the advantages gained in a thousand years of progress towards freedom and liberty. No wonder that in the contemplation of such conditions men fear the future.

Fortunately, the future does not really have to be feared, nor is the pessimism recorded as a result of this survey justified when all the factors in connection with the present world strife are taken into full consideration. The fact is the world is on the verge of being presented with the greatest opportunities which have ever been made available to man. Coming generations are to live in an age of such blessings and attainments as have never before been possible or experienced by men or nations.

Why are we so optimistic in the face of the apparent disastrous consequences that will follow the termination of the present conflict?

An ancient king clearly expressed the reason why it is possible for us to be enthusiastically optimistic regarding the future. This king had gone mad and was driven from his throne. Later his reason returned and he was restored to rule again. With the return of reason he blessed the Most High and said, "I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation. And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" (Dan. 4: 34–35.)

In the light of this king's declaration, what is the purpose of God in the present conflict? The true answer to this question will make any man a real optimist regarding the future and the blessings which will be man's in the coming day of deliverance. Evil and trouble have been actively in evidence in the world for centuries; but today this same evil is in a state of volcanic eruption to the point that it would seem all peoples and nations are to be engulfed in a tide of destruction from which none will ever again be able to rise.

Curiously enough, God's answer to the reason for present conditions is found in a knowledge of metallurgy, the science of which has made possible modern mechanical development and contributed to the destructiveness of modern warfare. It is to this subject the Lord turns in giving us the answer for the cause of the present serious world situation.

Isaiah addressed a message to Zion, the Israel government, using metallurgical terms to describe the evils and unright-eousness of His people. He said, "Your silver is dross (that is, impure), your wine mixed with water (polluted)." Because of this the Lord declared, "I will clear off the tyrants, and punish my haters. Will turn My hand on you, refine out your dross." (Isaiah 1:22, 25. F. F. Trans.)

Ezekiel declared the Lord is to put the House of Israel into the fire as copper, tin and iron are put into the furnace

and melted in order to purify and remove the dross (See Ezekiel 22: 18-22).

The amount of impurity in metal is not in evidence until the heat of the blast-furnace has melted that metal and in this hot, liquefied state the dross or slag rises to the surface where it can be removed.

This process of purification of metal is identified as a type of the process being used of God in removing evil from the nations and cleansing His people Israel of their faults. He is using the furnace of tribulation with the result that evil men, principles and movements rise to the surface as the impurities in society, in government and in international relationships are made manifest. Men seeing all this are discouraged and fear for the future. But in reality the evil is being made manifest preparatory to fulfilling the words of the Psalmist, "Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross."

We need not be disturbed regarding the future just because the dross of evil is coming to the surface. The heat of tribulation is bringing about a separation preparatory to the ultimate and final removal of all evil. Solomon said, "Take away the dross from the silver, and there will come forth a vessel for the refiner." (Proverbs.)

With the removal of the dross will come the establishment of the kingdom and a new order of society will be born upon earth. Of that order Isaiah has prophesied, "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders." (Isaiah 60: 18.) Then heaven will have come to earth and earth will have become heaven.

Processes of refining are not pleasant; yet those who know and recognize that there is a God in heaven directing and guiding the affairs of men and nations, in accord with a plan long foretold, are not at all pessimistic regarding the glorious future state of the human race. The returns from the recent Fortune poll indicate that all too few know of God's purposes regarding His people, hence are not intelligently anticipating the blessings to follow this present temporary transition, when the present war ends and evil economics and godless men and nations have finally been removed as dross is taken from the silver. Such lack the comfort and the optimism of those who know—a privilege which can be theirs, too, if they truly desire this knowledge.

#### Wrecking Crew!

THE BACKBONE of the prosperity of a country, in fact of all civilization today, is the great middle class of people. From this class come the small but successful and thrifty business men.

It is erroneous to judge national prosperity by the earnings of great corporations, impressive as such earnings may seem; for it is the thousands of small industrial establishments and retail stores, operated by men who have a limited number of employees, who are responsible for making America what it is today. Destroy the prosperity of this middle class and a nation of independent and industrious men and women will have passed away; while in its place we will have a land afflicted with industrial slavery, with that initiative and enterprise which is born of independent thinking and activity but a memory along with the independence and freedom of the past.

Imperial Rome was unable to survive the destruction of the prosperity of the great and free small farmer class — a group equivalent to our great middle class of citizens. What proved to be true in the Roman Empire will also be true today unless God intervenes soon to halt the present debauch.

The situation is serious. The year just starting will witness the end of many independent business enterprises, due to political mishandling of the needs of the small business men.

The government requires taxes and still more taxes in order to carry out a program of spending and still more spending, loaning and still more loaning. Whence comes this money? It comes from the returns of business and the earnings of our citizens. National mismanagement is gradually bringing financial ruin to the middle class of our people who are the backbone of our nation and whose prosperity makes possible the collection of taxes.

This outlook would be discouraging but for one factor—the verdict pronounced by Almighty God upon the entire Babylonian system of economics, responsible for the plight of our people. It is a system which has been the cause of much misery, distress and poverty upon the earth. As a result of the Divine verdict, judgment has been pronounced

and the Wanton System is to be destroyed.

Political mismanagement is undermining our prosperity, and the nation's business enterprises, from which our government hopes to secure increasing revenue in the form of taxes. In spite of all this there is no question but that organized bureaucracy at Washington, in the providence of God, is accomplishing a work He intends shall be done. The current phase of that work is not the building of a new order but the wrecking of the old. The members of the wrecking crew — regardless of party affiliation — are now moving to destroy the American way of life. They fondly believe that, when this task is finally accomplished, they will be commissioned to build a new and better order, ushering in an Utopia according to their planning. Already we are being told of the proposed New Order when the war ends; but they are commissioned to destroy — not to build.

The inevitable collapse of the present system of world economics, as a result of forces now operating, is clearly depicted in Scripture. The present life and death struggle of small business is but one symptom of increased judgment and a splendid indication that the handwriting is already appearing on the wall, signifying that the end of the wrecking process is approaching. The different stages in the distintegration have been evidenced to many but the great majorities of our people have not as yet felt the pressure to any great degree. This, however, is about to pass as millions will shortly (and for the first time) begin to realize that the public must foot the bills in the form of increased tax levies.

The government is now planning to reach into the pockets of all our citizens which act has now become necessary in order to finance the prodigious spending program to which

it has now been committed.

We still, as a nation, prefer to carry on under this heart-breaking Babylonian system of mammon, with its confiscatory methods, rather than accept the God-given system of economics under which is promised perpetual liberty and freedom. It would seem that we must first suffer the loss of all before we will be willing to do that which will gain all. Thus the activity of the wrecking crew is essential in the plan of God in order that His people may come to a realization of the need of accepting the God-given system of administration.

It will be interesting to observe how much destruction must be experienced before our nation awakens to spiritual values and demands a return to the administration of the Divine Constitution. Certainly all the evils responsible for the want and suffering under the present world order will first be destroyed in order to make way for the restoration of the blessings of the God-ordained New Order of the Ages.

#### Trojan Horse

THE inevitable relationships necessary in collaborating with the Soviet Union in her military activities makes for closer diplomatic ties with our country. This necessitates our welcoming high ranking communistic leaders as accredited Ambassadors from Moscow. Already here is such an Ambassador in the person of Maxim Litvinoff, appointed by the U.S.S.R. to this important post in the United States.

Now an Ambassador is a person commissioned as of highest diplomatic rank, sent by one sovereign power to another to speak for, and represent the interest of the country sending him. This brings up the question as to what are the real

interests and aims of the Soviet Government?

While the war effort of Moscow for the moment is the defeat of Germany the main interest of that government, and one which the present conflict will never eradicate and to which Soviet leaders are committed at all cost, is world revolution.

Students of world events have long known this to be so while the statements of Soviet leaders and their technique definitely committed the U.S.S.R. to world revolution which must always be their ultimate aim. The present conflict will not change this program and in some respects may hasten its fulfillment. This is so because prolonged wars of attrition engender conditions that make a people ripe for revolution. It was so in World War I with a major revolution in Russia. World War II will be no exception; in fact, the impoverishment of peoples and the destruction of material wealth will make for serious revolutionary conditions in all the countries involved.

Collaboration with Moscow, with the closer relations made necessary because of military needs, will provide a golden opportunity for the activities of unscrupulous communistic leaders as revolutionary conditions furnish the means to further their cause. The coming of Litvinoff, judging from his past record, may be the spearhead of a movement into our land of the proverbial Trojan Horse. Under cover of war efforts there can be established in many centers the exact type of communistically controlled organizations financed by the U.S.S.R. which can be trained and prepared for the day when the government of the United States becomes vulnerable to internal disorder. Some may say "impossible," but no one familiar with the plans of the Bolsheviks for world revolution will question the danger of what lies before us.

The record of Litvinoff is such that his appointment to the country named by Soviet leaders as the one where world revolution is to end (the United States) is, in itself, significant. Litvinoff is a Jew whose real name is Finklestein. He was born in 1876. His revolutionary career dates from 1901, after which he was continually under police surveillance and arrested on several occasions. He was involved in a bank robbery at Tiflis, France, after which he was expelled from the country. Early in World War I for some unexplained reason he was admitted to England and was later reported to be in touch with German agents and was involved in circulating seditious literature. After having been given a "no return permit" he was back in England as Bolshevik Ambassador. But "his intrigues were so desperate" (as Lord Curzon said) that he was finally turned out of the country.

In this critical period in our history this is the man who has now come to the United States. His hands are dyed red with the blood of innocent victims of the Red Revolution, having personally been responsible for the campaign in the Crimea which resulted in the massacre of thousands. We are in the early stages of World War II. Our country faces major labor troubles with factional dissensions due to a number of causes. Such a situation, under certain conditions, can become fertile soil for communistic world revolutionary ideas. It is safe to say that Litvinoff's presence in our midst will not find him pouring oil on our troubled domestic waters but rather adding fuel to the flames in the hope that the conflagration may spread. This is borne out by his past record.

Close diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government as a result of military assistance rendered Moscow is likely to become a perfect vehicle for internal penetration of our country in the furtherance of the interests of the revolutionary plans of the U.S.S.R. We are due for a rude awakening when the Trojan Horse method of penetration under the leadership of the incorrigible revolutionist Finklestein—alias Myer Moisevitch Wallach, Buckman and now Litvinoff—has succeeded in carrying out his mission in the United States in fulfillment of a plan long contemplated and now made possible by the present attitude and action of our government. We only deceive ourselves if we for one moment assume that the Bolsheviks will use our hospitality for any other purpose than to further their plans for world revolution.

The statement of Menjinski (former chief of OGPU) which we published in our magazine in May, 1930, is still germane when dealing with the leader of the U.S.S.R. "As long as there are idiots to take our signature seriously, and to put their trust in it, we must promise everything that is being asked, if we can only get something tangible in exchange."

It is important in our present dealings with the Bolsheviki to remember that the Soviet leaders have never repudiated their plan of world revolution and their statements re-

garding policies.

#### Apparent Paradox

Because we live in an age in which two forces — good and evil — are contending for world mastery, it is essential that the result of victory for either be clearly stated. Such presentation of results is necessary in order to stimulate the forces of righteousness into action against unrighteousness, using all the power at their command for this purpose. Though, in the providence of God, righteousness will ultimately triumph, yet in that same providence we have a part to play in this greatest of all contests in order that right may triumph. Part of our task is to warn of the results if we refuse to prosecute the fight against evil with all our energy and might.

Our attitude has been queried in the light of the declaration that the end of the present order is at hand and a new era of righteousness is about to begin. If this is so, how could there possibly be generations of suffering ahead no matter

what we do?

Though we believe that soon there will be established upon earth a righteous system of administration this fact does not preclude the necessity of warning the American people that the evil they do will have repercussions for generations to come. Unless God does intervene, men must face the inevitable results of the present evil course being pursued by all nations. Furthermore our attitude towards these evils is important in delaying or bringing about their end.

We know that a day is coming when God will intervene in accord with His plans and purposes and thus save us from final destruction. But men are not justified because of this to act as though that intervention granted a license for them to continue in their evil ways, nor can it be used as an excuse for not warning men of the consequences of their evil doings. We must point out the suffering and sorrow that always follow when men walk contra to God's laws and system of administration.

It might seem paradoxical to speak of the possibility of generations of suffering to come in the light of our knowledge of the soon planned intervention of God. But that intervention is contingent upon the nation assuming an attitude that will enable God to come to her help. We must, therefore, deal with present-day facts and realities in order to persuade men to turn from their evil ways that God may intervene and save us from the results of the course we have elected to follow. Cause and effect are operating and, in the orderly process of time, generations yet unborn will be subject to the result of what men are now doing.

As for ourselves, we are not at all optimistic regarding human plans for solving world problems and overcoming the result of the evil so prevalent in the world today. Nor are we at all pessimistic regarding the future! There is a God in heaven who has already given the pattern of things to come when righteousness will be established in the earth. We can say with the prophet, "Though it tarry yet will we wait for it."

Meantime, warning must be given of the results following our present course of refusing to give heed to God's admonitions with the hope that our nation will turn from her evil ways and live. Because God is to ultimately intervene, it should not silence us but it should stimulate us into action and the need of pointing out the final end of the course now being pursued by men if they refuse to heed God's warning; even though we know that righteousness will finally be established in the earth.

#### Making the World Safe for Whom?

IN THIS ISSUE OF DESTINY WE are warning of the possible danger to American peace in the coming of Litvinoff as Ambassador for the U.S.S.R., while in the past we have repeatedly called attention to the evils of a close alliance with Moscow. But America is determined to go on and pursue a course that can have but one end — trouble for our nation.

The war being waged is not against Hitler alone, but against evil doctrines. While, of the three, Nazism and Fascism are recognized as enemies of the Anglo-Saxon world, the third and most deadly — Communism — is being welcomed into our midst. The followers of this evil doctrine (for Communism is one of the three evil spirits of Revelation) are rapidly gaining power in Great Britain and the United States of America through the fact that the Anglo-Saxon world is now pledged to assist the Soviet Union. We have forgotten that the followers of Communism have no desire whatever to support or to perpetuate either the government of the United States or of Great Britain.

Our past experiences should have taught us a lesson; but apparently they have not. The future difficulties in the present welcoming of an alliance with a Godless nation whose doctrinal teaching is antagonism to all governments (but one, and that one is Moscow) can be gauged in a measure by the experiences of Great Britain as set forth in *The Patriot* of October 30th. This is an English publication devoted to the patriotic support of the British Empire but

fully aware of the internal dangers confronting this people from Communism. Are we also to give support to internal conditions whereby it becomes a war to make the world safe for Communism? The quotation is as follows:

"In a letter to The Times of October 23rd Sir Arnold B. Gridley, member for Stockport, calls attention to the conduct of the war. His views are expressed mildly and gain force thereby, but it is idle to deny that there is a feeling in the country that all is not well, and that at the top there is such inefficiency as largely to neutralize the efforts of the people who see their endeavors either wasted or improperly utilized. Nor amongst the workers is there that wholehearted appreciation of the fact that after two years of war the nation has less cause than ever for indulging in any complacency. It is well-known that strikes for quite trivial reasons are taking place every week in spite of Parliament having declared such methods in war-time to be illegal. When we have the shop-stewards urging the workers to do their utmost to speed up production of supplies for the Soviet Union there is the unavoidable implication that the fight for the British Empire itself has not spurred the workers to their greatest efforts. The suspicion is also inevitably aroused that were the German nation suddenly to declare it had been persuaded to Communism the Communists here would declare the war off. In other words, these people see in the war a fight for Communism; not for the existence of the British Empire."

The Anglo-Saxon world is hugging to its bosom a viper which will yet strike in the critical days ahead. No wonder the Lord said of His people, "Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent?"

#### To What Purpose?

REPORTS are reaching us that the Prime Minister, Members of Parliament and the Press in Great Britain have been receiving floods of telegrams demanding the opening of a new front in the West. These telegrams are alleged to have been sent from workers in factories, Trade Councils, Trade Unions and many other groups suggesting something must be done and not to let down the Soviet Union.

Telegrams were sent in the name of factory workers who knew nothing about them until these same workers read the account of the sending of such telegrams in the daily press. Just more evidence of Communistic propaganda of deception for influencing a government to do their bidding.

#### The Task of Destiny

about it? You may be assured in the stirring, increasingly troublous months ahead that this publication will keep pace. It will do so not in the cursory manner of headlines, nor in the stroke by stroke method of commentating broadcasters; but rather, with a presentation, month after month, of the Truths of Scripture directly applicable to the times in which we are living — and to the future! For that is the function of Destiny Magazine. And it is this knowledge of the Book and of the Plan of God, which comes to one's full understanding only through the realization of the Identity of the People of the Book — the vivid, logical, attention-arresting realization that Anglo-Saxons are Israel — which we must all sometime take into acount.

It is our *privilege* to be *serving* in this vital way — and now to be serving an ever-widening readership!

# War?—Peace?

HE beginning of this new year of 1930 is witnessing a historical gathering of nations for the purpose of arriving at some international agreement as to the limitation of armament. It is by the solution of this question that the world hopes to gain freedom from war. The nations are overlooking the fact that armament, in itself, is not the cause of war, nor will the lack of armament bring peace. Until the cause of war is eliminated there can be no permanent freedom from trouble. War is the result of greed, jealousy, envy and hatred and until sin is removed it will be

the order of this age. While war is the result of sin, yet under certain conditions the declaring and waging of war is not sin. The Bible is very clear on this. The failure on the part of Christian people to differentiate between righteous and unrighteous war, has been the cause of much misunderstanding. The man or woman who feels that war is never justifiable should read the account of the "King of King, and LORD OF LORDS" as He returns and finds a world torn by strife. John records the event in these words, "I saw Heaven opened and a white HORSE appeared, and its rider was called Faithful and True; for in justice He declares and wages war." (F. F. Trans.) Thus we are told in the cause of Justice and for the sake of Righteousness the Son of God himself will declare and make

The Lord has said of Israel, "Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms." Because the Lord recognized that nations would arise, desiring to destroy His people, He decreed, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn."

After constituting Israel His battle axe and weapons of war, and passing judgment upon those who would destroy them, the Lord commissioned His people to service. "Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified." To them He has assigned the following tasks: to carry the knowledge of salvation to the ends of the earth, to bring water to the thirsty and food to the hungry, to clothe the naked, to liberate the slaves, to set the prisoners free, to establish the earth and to bring peace to the ends thereof. It is

recorded of those who would hinder Israel's mission, "They that strive with thee shall perish."

In fulfilling God's commands Israel, at times, has had to declare and wage war. Anglo-Saxon history teems with the records of their labors as God's battle axe. Also, of all the families of the earth the Anglo-Saxons or I-Sac-

This January, 1942, issue of DESTINY marks the start of the thirteenth year of our publication. We have selected from the first issue of 1930 this penetrating ob-"War? - Peace?"; servation, with its value convincingly proven as it is read again in retrospect - and its truths as true as when first published over a decade ago! Moreover, it becomes its own evidence that The Magazine Destiny was editorially "on the right track" from the beginning.

- THE EDITORS

Sons (that is, sons of Isaac) are the ones who have carried the knowledge of salvation, through their missionary efforts, to all nations. They only have been quick to respond to the needs of the hungry and the suffering. At a tremendous cost in men and money the slaves were set free. America declared war in 1898 and released the prisoners when Cuba and the Philippines were taken from Spanish misrule. Throughout the world brother Ephraim has fulfilled the Lord's commission. As a nation, she has willingly paid the price. Regardless of consequences, in 1914, England went to the help of Belgium when Germany marched into the land. The Anglo-Saxons' desire is peace, but above peace they desire equity and justice. Wherever they have gone, there they have established the Law of the Lord and there peace reigns! Let England and America withdraw their protection from those countries over which they exercise control, and in a very short time chaos and injustice would follow that withdrawal.

Today a new weapon is being forged against our people for the purpose of preventing them from succoring the oppressed and downtrodden. The desire prompting the propaganda of the enemies of Israel is to disarm the nation. For England and America to disarm would be equivalent to withdrawing the police force from the streets of a great city. During Calvin Coolidge's governorship in Massachusetts such a condition was witnessed, when the police of Boston refused to do their duty, and protection was withdrawn from the city. The result was chaos and violence. An organized police force is to preserve order. They are not for wrongful aggression, the principle condemned in Scripture.

Against the leaders of Israel, who listen to this enemy-propaganda and who are failing to prepare the nation for the coming time of trouble, God has pronounced severe judgment. "They have deluded my people by exclaiming 'Peace!' when there was no peace, and built that as a fence." Their words, the Lord said, are not His words, "Have you not invented a false vision? — and divined a lying tale, when you asserted, 'The Ever Living says,' - and I never spoke?" Against them and the peace wall they build in the place of preparedness, God has this to say, "I will smash it by a wind in my fury . . . and bare its foundations, and it shall fall with you under it." (F.F. Trans.)

Jesus said, "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." How often this passage is quoted to substantiate the declaration that war is never right! The fallacy is in failing to see that there are two swords here. The taker of the sword, the aggressor, who goes forth to conquer and the sword in the hands of a defender, whom Jesus said would overcome. Does history verify our Lord's prophecy?

A casual perusal of Israel's history clearly shows this has been their national experience. In 1588 the Spanish Armada was equipped and sent out with the avowed purpose of destroying Protestant England. The Spaniards were defeated and the sword, which our leaders would remove from the hand of Israel, was effectively used against them. We read of the Napoleonic wars from 1796-1815, yet Napoleon died a prisoner at St. Helena. In 1898 Spain, oppressor, suffered defeat when our country defended the rights of a subjected people. The World War saw Germany, the aggressor, go down in defeat before the defenders. Regardless of those who try to make Israel responsible, in the providence of God, the verdict *guilty* is recorded against the defeated nation.

Our Lord said, "When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are at peace." Surely a strong man disarmed could not keep his goods in peace indefinitely however strong he might be. Need we wonder that God condemns that leadership which would disarm His people, and prevent them from being a deterrent to the nations in their policies of aggression?

Under the Divine constitution the nation was strongly organized for defense. Our leaders have departed from these requirements and we have witnessed the tragedy of unpreparedness. If Israel had been prepared, one of two things would have happened in 1914:

the war would have never been declared or, if fought, would have ended three years before it did. Those who preached disarmament and were instrumental in preventing the Anglo-Saxons, God's battle axe, from defending the nation and helping the oppressed are responsible for the suffering of those three years, thus meriting God's condemnation for their activities.

Today a nation is preparing and arming with the avowed purpose of overthrowing the Israel nations, and destroying the church of God. This nation is not represented at the armament conference. Their newspapers express no disappointment or regret that they were not invited to participate in the London gathering. Truly the Lord

said, "Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent?"

Joshua and the elders listened to the subtle words of the Gibeonites, and entered a league with them to their own hurt. Today Israel's leaders are listening to our enemies (for the Anglo-Saxons are disliked and feared by all the nations) and are entering into agreement with them. They are failing to realize that no nation really fears an armed Israel people, unless their desire is aggression. Against the aggressor and in the cause of justice and equity God desires His people Israel always to be prepared to fight. "To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke."

## The Japanese

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AR CLOUDS are gathering that are likely to involve the United States and Japan. In a pamphlet entitled "The Japanese — Who Are They?"\* by Thomas W. Plant, we have an able treatise on the origin of the Japanese. The author gives evidence which establishes their forefathers to be none other than the Ammonites who were the descendants of Lot, the nephew of Abraham. A study of the history of Ammon shows that they were continually warring with Israel.

After the Assyrian captivity the House of Israel moved westward, ultimately arriving in the isles of the west. From here Israel pushed outward and colonized the North American Continent. Meantime Ammon had been moving eastward and finally arrived in the isles of the east. With this Island Kingdom as a basis of operation Japan now hopes to move out and fulfill her plans of expansion. But east has met west and west has met east, as Ammon and Israel again face each other. This meeting is under far different circumstances than that under which they met in olden times on the field of battle. The ancient antagonism that during the

ages had subsided is being again fanned into a flame by those who are doing their best to stir up enmity between these two great nations today.

The accounts of the troubles between Ammon and Israel are of interest in the light of the identification of the descendants of those nations today. The Lord reminded Israel that He delivered them from the Ammonites (Judges 10:11) for it was Sidon, King of the Ammonites, who refused to let Israel pass, with the result that he was defeated by Israel (Numbers 21:21). Later we find David again and again at war with the Ammonites and it was in one of these conflicts with Ammon that David used the enemy to slay Uriah, the husband of Bathsheba, who later became the mother of Solomon. David suffered for this and paid a fearful price in family troubles and sorrow.

The history of the forefathers of modern Ammon and Israel indicates a distrust of each other. Today that same spirit of distrust has been engendered, perhaps purposely, yet nevertheless so effectively that it may result in war between Japan and the United States in the near future. Other factors have entered into the situation which have strained that relationship. Unless it is soon mitigated it will make inevitable a

clash of arms between these two nations. The Psalmist has declared that Ammon is to be against His people Israel in the last days and confederated with the group of nations who attack them in the final conflict of the ages (Ps. 83: 7).

The disturbing factor is the deliberate moves that are being made to bring about such a conflict. In an editorial in Destiny for March 1938 we said, "Already China is a pawn on the international chessboard while America is being maneuvered into position to do the bidding of those who oppose the enemies of the Soviet Union." No wonder Japan is very much concerned over war material going to Russia via Siberia.

Of one thing we can be certain throughout the ages, and in every age, human nature remains the same. This not only applies to individual actions and reactions but also to races and nations as well; and the characteristics demonstrated as traits of the past will be in evidence today in their descendants. Hence the conditions that produced conflict between Israel and Ammon in the past will produce the same result between their descendants today. History proves it was distrust then and it is again becoming the important factor today.

<sup>\*</sup>Twenty-five pages, paper cover, available from Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass., 25¢ postpaid.

# The Perfect Legal Document

By W. C. NABORS

ANY are the approaches to an understanding of the Bible, but the simplest and most direct is that of a legal document. God's relationship with mankind throughout the ages, as here recorded, constitutes the perfect legal document without parallel or comparison.

It is the model in every respect—the true source from which all other attempts are drawn; and it is a Contract, pure and simple, with all the clauses and conditions clearly stated!

It embodies the four cardinal principles of a binding agreement. For emphasis and clarity, these can be reduced to a simple alliteration:

PEOPLE, PURPOSE, PLAN, AND PERIOD

Here is the who, why, what and when of the human race. Any good contract must clearly portray these four points.

#### **PEOPLE**

THE identity of the contracting parties must be unmistakable. In Louisiana it is also necessary to show the marital status of the parties.

The first and most important step of an intelligent approach to Bible study is to learn the parties to the contract. The marital status of the people Israel is a major point in this Bible contract, hence the Bible record of the human race with which it deals. It gives their source and follows their history until they are shown established in tribes or nations, divided in groups, as to blood relationship, as to geography, government, economy and promise.\*

#### **PURPOSE**

NEXT follows the whereas clauses which reveal the purpose of the contract.

Man's relationship with God was broken. Soon thereafter man's relationship with man was broken. Therefore this contract became necessary. The purpose of the contract is to restore this perfect relationship; first with God and man, then with man and man, until these groups are restored to the perfected relationship described as "The Kingdom of God on Earth."

#### PLAN

The third step involves the *plan* in the mind of God to bring about such restoration and the part each party of the contract must play under its terms.

The first requirement of the plan is a perfect man.

So God gave his only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ. The plan of God and the hope of the human race must stand or fall on this one and only perfect man. He did not fail God. He did not fail man.

Acceptance of His atonement on the part of God and acceptance of His atonement on the part of Man, forms the foundation of the restoration.

God accepted — Man rejected, and demanded proof. The plan provides the proof — through His witnesses. The proof is two-fold: one individual, the other national.

The prophets foretell the pattern. History records the performance.

Life is an experience on the proving ground.

Love, sorrow, necessity and providence prove the need and point the way.

In the international arena, society, government and economy are our schoolmasters.

The national plan parallels the personal one.

First harmony, then disobedience, rebellion, slavery and suffering and finally restoration.

#### PERIOD

Any contract which is not dated, and does not stipulate a date of maturity, "isn't worth a damn."

If a legal document fails to state the time of execution and maturity of a contract, it is "null and void and without effect."

This perfect legal document provides its own master time piece.

The sun and moon were created for signs, seasons, days and years (Genesis 1:14). They were ordained to witness and to measure the period of performance (Jeremiah 31:35–36 and 33:20–26). Here we have three measures of Time:

Solar — measure by the sun.

LUNAR — measure by the moon.

Mean — measure by the average of both sun and moon.

By this world clock, the document fixes not only the total duration of the contract, but intermediate periods of performance of each of the contracting parties. This schedule has been maintained.

This triple time measure can mark two or three stages of fulfillment and serve as proof "by the mouth of two or three witnesses." It serves as confirmation unmistakable.

The time measure is a mark of performance, and serves to identify people, and events.

God has many ways to reveal Himself and His power to the watcher. What more certain manner could He select to convince man than a system of time measures through which to foretell events and dates, then have the "watcher" observe fulfillment in history according to prophecy?

When the "watcher" observes that the plan follows a pre-determined pattern revealed in prophecy it becomes a "key" to revelation of Scripture previously locked in secrecy. Thus could God say to Daniel, in chapter 12:9-13, "Go thy way, for the words are sealed until. . . . None of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. . . . Go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

Daniel, a prisoner of the captivity under Nebuchadnezzar, wrote of the period of the captivity and of Gentile dominion in language that, when the end of the period arrived, would automatically be self-revealing to the student of prophecy who failed not to take notice of these time measures.

Observation of events during the long period of this seven times of captivity and dominance serves to reveal the language of the contract.

Each period of prophecy serves to introduce that which is to follow.

By the time the great climax period of the "Judgment of the Nations" is reached when the "end be," the pattern is clear.

The wicked see only chaos and a death struggle for dominance.

<sup>\*</sup>One of the best books on the people is "Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright" by J. H. Allen. 377 pages, cloth-bound, \$2.00 postpaid. Destiny Publishers.

But, "He that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise." (Proverbs 12:15.)

And he that hearkeneth unto the counsel of God understands that the Almighty is causing the parties to this perfect document to fulfill this contract; to prove that He is God, not only by what they do, but by when they do it.

The study of the science of Bible chronology is a subject not to be neglected.

Let's note a few events mentioned in the contract, the maturity of which has been recorded on this schedule:

- I) The creation of Adam and the age of each of his descendants to the birth of Christ. The date of the creation of Adam is as important to Bible study as the fact of his creation.
- 2) The call of Abraham.
- 3) Israel's period of slavery in Egypt.
- 4) The exodus.
- 5) Israel's wilderness wanderings.
- 6) Israel's establishment in the promised land.
- 7) The division of the Kingdom.

- Israel's idolatry and captivity under the King of Assyria.
- Judah's idolatry and captivity under Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon (See Jeremiah 50:17).
- 10) The return of the remnant of Judah.
- The birth of Christ, His death, burial and resurrection.
- 12) The transfer of the Kingdom from Judah to Israel.
- 13) The duration of the empires of the Nebuchadnezzian succession called by name — Babylon, Medes and Persians, Greece and Rome.
- 14) The duration of ecclesiastical domination.
- 15) The terminal date of Israel's captivity.
- 16) The terminal date of Judah's captivity.17) The "Time of Jacob's Trouble" in the
- seed nations of Israel.

  18) The time period of the "Judgment of the Nations."

Today we are in the period of the maturity and foreclosure under the terms of this legal document.

As Israel's time to "rule with God" arrives it is being contested by the final form of the Nebuchadnezzian succession, the three evil spirits.

The document has become the abstract of title. The case is being carried to the "supreme" court.

Thank God the document is legally perfect — Not an error; Not a flaw; Not an omission! And not only does it detail the history of the rightful heir, but it minutely covers the history of the usurper. The document also covers the trial and its outcome, nor does it close until the restoration is perfected.

The final outcome is not dependent upon the contestants. It is in the hands of the court. The supreme judge, Almighty God, rules and His orders will be obeyed. The heirs will inherit their estate. The restoration will be perfected exactly according to the terms and the schedule of "the perfect legal document."

How marvelous it is to possess a working knowledge of the contract, to watch daily the world display of the might and majesty of God as He causes all the power of man's brain and brawn to serve Him!

## Wings of Destiny

THE COVER illustration of this issue provides a "close-up" of the preparation of men who, unknown to themselves, are moving to fulfill an ancient prediction of destruction that would come upon cities and peoples as "winged things" passing overhead would release their aerial-bombs.

Solomon said, "There is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us."

While we are unable to check the accuracy of this statement as to the science of aeronautics yet the existence of such knowledge is borne out by traditional evidence of the past which indicates that the art of flying was known and practiced in times gone by as the result of scientific attainment of an ancient but flourishing civilization. However, of this we are certain — that in the days of the prophets the art of flying had long been forgotten and only now has again come to light. Yet these same prophets gave a vivid word-picture of aerial attacks and the destructiveness of the dive bombers.

Daniel saw and described this destruction. This is clear from a rendering direct from the Hebrew of Daniel 9: 27, which verse indicates that the Prophet saw winged things passing overhead and pouring out desolation on the people below.

Joel speaks of battle scenes in which he witnesses the terrific destruction caused by flame-throwers and dive bombers with the people disturbed and fearful in face of an attack against which they had no defense.

Isaiah, Ezekiel and others of the prophets all saw and described the type of weapons that nations would use in the final conflict of the ages. These weapons are now being used and not least among those listed by the prophets are the winged monsters of the air — with their deadly loads of high explosives.

But the prophets also saw beyond the war when these winged things would be sent on missions of peace. Isaiah witnessed the establishment of the coming New Order of the Ages and as he recounts the blessings of the Kingdom he sees the heavens filled with planes and exclaims, "Who are these that fly as a cloud!" (Isaiah 60: 8.) This exclamation is followed by the description of people coming from afar as they visit the center of Kingdom activities which will be the Metropolis of a new and truly golden age of prosperity and peace.

We fully appreciate that many of those who are now bending all their energy to building the present monsters of destruction will revel in the opportunities of that day for using their superb aeronautical skill in fashioning giant fleets of air liners which will encircle the globe in their missions of peace.

This world of today and of tomorrow was foreseen more than a hundred years ago by Lord Tennyson in his poetic expression, "Locksley Hall"—

For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see, Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;

Saw the heavens filled with commerce, argosies of magic sails, Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales;

Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rain'd a ghastly dew From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue;

Far along the world-wide whisper of the south-wind rushing warm, With the standards of the peoples plunging thro' the thunder-storm;

Till the war-drum throbb'd no longer, and the battle-flags were furl'd In the Parliament of man, the Federation of the world.

There the common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe, And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law.

# Digest of the Divine Law

#### By HOWARD B. RAND

Phuman being than any other factor in life is his attitude toward Law; for all basic laws are divine in origin. As a matter of fact, man's very existence depends upon the keeping of certain fundamental laws of life which, if violated, result in sudden death!

#### Origin and Source of Law

There is only one source and origin of all basic laws and this is true whether they govern the material universe, the physical creation; or the spiritual, moral and economic life of man. That source is God — the fountain-head of all law and order — Who has already revealed to men His Laws which govern an orderly creation. To know and to keep those laws is to live; while to belittle or disregard them brings destitution and want, until death terminates a life of sorrow and suffering, the direct result of failure to keep and observe the laws of God.

In the words of the Psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork!" This is an acknowledgment of Divine Law manifested in the ordinances of heaven. The operation of the Law of the Lord, however, is not confined to the physical universe alone, for even the least and the smallest in creation is numbered, weighed, and measured in accordance with law. Jesus had this in mind when He said, "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

#### Scientists and the Law

Scientists may not always recognize the hand and power of Deity in the law and order evident in the field of investigation, but they do recognize that there exists a rigid law which they respect and keep, knowing that its violation brings penalties. In some cases such violation has resulted in the death of the careless experimenter.

#### Natural Laws

Natural laws, so-called, govern the entire operation of the universe from the great heavenly bodies which roll in their circuits to the minutest atom and

electron; and the effect has long been recognized as following the cause in orderly process because of the inexorable operation of these laws. This is understood fully by men who have familiarized themselves with God's Laws of gravity, physics, mechanics, chemistry, mathematics and the many and varied multiplicities in the operation of these laws in their innumerable ramifications—all of which supports the thesis of law and order which the scientists have learned to respect and keep.

#### Scope of the Divine Law

Now recognized natural law does not cover the entire scope of the Divine Regulations which control, govern and preserve an orderly universe. God in His Providence has enacted other laws as well which, if kept, would usher in an Utopian Age — an Age bringing benefits to mankind beyond the fondest dreams of those who have longed for real peace and lasting happiness. These are necessarily laws of governmental administration.

An understanding of the perfect laws of administration, however, cannot be acquired by men through any process of experimentation — a method which was effective in bringing to light the existence of the physical laws of the universe. The brief fact is that it is impossible in this way to come to an understanding of God's Laws of justice, equity and moral conduct.

Man, himself, the result of Divine creation in accordance with law, was given by Divine revelation the perfect law of life, the keeping of which would result in peace, happiness, prosperity. Violation of that law was destined to bring injustice, poverty, distress and war. Man may talk of freedom and liberty but there can be no liberty nor freedom apart from law! And when men refuse to observe and keep it the ensuing license results in violence and strife, with chaos as the ultimate end of that society which ignores the Divine Laws.

Man in a state of rebellion spiritually has so far refused to recognize or heed the way of life which would give him peace and bring prosperity in all of his endeavors. In the very beginning God began to reveal His Laws unto men. The very first command of God to Adam became a rule of action, or law of life, unto man.

#### A Law Unto Man

The positive law of life as given to our first parents in the Garden of Eden was to eat of the fruit of the trees in the Garden and live. The negative law was contained in the command to abstain from partaking of certain forbidden fruits with the warning that the violation of this command would be followed by death. Physical health and wellbeing depended upon man obeying the first, while the keeping of the second assured him life unending and continuous spiritual communion with God. Thus the Divine Command had become law unto man. But mankind - created in the image of God - was given the right of choice: in obedience - a blessing; in disobedience - a curse. The first would bring continuous health and life - the second, trouble and death. By act of will, man was now able to choose his course for before him lay two roads one the way of life, and the other the way of death.

#### Transgression of the Law

Many have asked the question, What is sin? The answer is simple. Sin is disobedience to the commands of God, a refusal to keep His Laws. John declared this when he said, "Sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3: 4.)

Law, insofar as it regulates the conduct and action of men and nations, is a rule of action established by a recognized authority with power to enforce justice and direct duty. God is a recognized authority and He has full power to enforce His commands which must ultimately be observed, kept and obeyed; for the Divine Laws cannot be altered nor removed — they are a constant — and the passage of time has no effect upon them.

#### Enactments of Men

Human regulations, designated as law by men, are often but temporary

acts of appearement to counteract the result of the failure to keep and administer the Law of the Lord. By such means men have endeavored to meet their needs and to find a human solution for existing troubles which have in reality resulted from the breaking of Divine Law. Such man-made regulations undergo continual revision as time marches on! New generations come and changing conditions in the human experiment show the lack of foresight and wisdom in legislative enactments; for when the enactments of men are at variance with the Divine Law there can be only one result - trouble for men. This is true whenever men refuse to conform with the laws of God which govern the universe; or fail to observe and keep God's moral, spiritual, and economic requirements - including the perfect laws of governmental administration.

Before considering the subject of Divine Law in its application to man, both individually and collectively, it is essential that we first settle satisfactorily the question of the entire scope and application of the Divine Laws, and man's relationship to these laws. This becomes necessary because of the prevalence of a doctrinal teaching which has had a definite influence upon Christian men and women to such an extent that it has led some to ignore God's injunction to observe and keep all His Laws. In thus ignoring the law such have failed to recognize the Divine plan of the operation of the Law of the Lord as it governs our physical wellbeing, economic security and national prosperity.

#### Perfection of the Law

The Psalmist, in speaking of the law, states, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." And although even this is said of the Law of the Lord, yet some ignore this declaration of the Psalmist, with its unmistakable clarity and meaning, and teach that they are free from the need of keeping His Laws. This doctrinal teaching is based on the assumption that because of Grace (the unmerited favor of God through His Son Jesus Christ), Christians have been exonerated from the need of keeping the law. If a man is free from keeping the law, however, he is at liberty then to violate that law and do so with impunity; and it would then follow that the gift of Grace becomes a license to be used as a cloak to cover sinning (for sin is the

violation of the law), which is repugnant to all the teaching of the law and the direct commands of God as given in both the Old and the New Testaments.

Nowhere in Scripture is it stated that a Christian is free from the need of keeping the law. While the Word of God states that a Christian is not under bondage to the law, yet this freedom from bondage cannot in any sense be construed as a license to violate law. It is unfortunate that the gift of Grace has been used to perpetrate a doctrinal belief contrary to the clear teaching of the Bible. Violation of Divine Law is sin whether that law is violated by a Christian or a non-Christian, regardless of any doctrinal excuse that might be made for such violation.

#### Knowledge Essential

Now the scope of the Divine Law embraces all the needs, activities and requirements of men and nations; limiting, guiding and directing them in all the things that should, and should not, be done. Christians are amiss in not knowing and understanding these laws.

A knowledge of the Law of the Lord would unfold for Christians a much clearer concept of God's plans regarding His people than they have now. The possession of such information would open up before the Christian world the marvelous scope of that law in its entirety and in its application to the needs of men and nations. Such an understanding would once and for all settle the question that no one group of men, Christian or otherwise, are exempt from law observance. It would prove the absurdity of all the excuses given by men to justify their violation of the law; and would show that even to claim the right to ignore or violate Divine Law is, in itself, sin.

#### Definition of Sin

Sin, as defined in the dictionary, is wholly in accord with the Biblical definition of law violation. The dictionary states that sin is "Any want of conformity to or transgression of a rule of rectitude or duty, especially as made known through the conscience or the revealed Word of God: disagreement in thought, word, deed, or desire, whether by omission or commission, with the Divine Law."

This necessity of law observance must first be established, for unless this is done many Christians will continue to ignore the Divine Laws to their own hurt—thinking that in so doing they are justified because of their acceptance of the teachings of an erroneous doctrine which has belittled the need of such law observance. No man in his right mind would be so foolish as to hold for one moment that the Divine Laws of the physical universe need not be observed. The sane and intelligent Christian recognizes that he must keep them or suffer the consequences resulting from their violation. Is a man, though Christian, justified in a deliberate violation of the requirements of law as laid down in the Ten Commandments? Would he in his violation be immune from the evils resulting from their violation? Certainly not! And what is true regarding these moral laws of God is also true regarding the Divine Laws of administration with their rules and regulations governing economics, jurisprudence and the health of His people. Men or nations violating these laws will find themselves subject to the operation of punitive clauses of the law and will suffer under the curses pronounced for their violation.

#### Law vs. Grace

Paul is very clear in his statements regarding all this, for evidently he had in mind those in his day who were teaching a similar doctrine of law violation as that which is held by some Christians today. He said, "Sin (law violation) shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law (in bondage to it), but under Grace (free from the penalties having favor with God and able to keep that law through His Son Jesus Christ)." He continues, "What then? Shall we sin (that is, violate the law), because we are not under (the bondage of) the law, but under Grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ve yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin (law violation) unto death, or of obedience (law observance) unto righteousness?"

The Apostle clearly states here that Grace does not give a license to anyone to violate law, for such violation he declares is sin. What advantage then has the Christian? Very much, for as John says, "If any man sin (that is, violate the law), we have an advocate with the father, Jesus Christ the righteous." This being so, Paul could say, "Therefore being justified (escaping the penalty of the law through the righteousness of Jesus) by faith, we have peace wth God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

#### Cause of Confusion

Perhaps the one great difficulty regarding the absolute need of observing

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o b th Divine Law and which is responsible for much of the confusion regarding that law has been the failure to recognize the distinction between the laws contained in ordinances and those given in Commandments, Statutes and Judgments. The lack of a clearly defined definition of the Divine Law in each of its particular applications and especially concerning the operation of the ordinances is responsible for most of this confusion.

#### Laws and Ordinances

Our purpose in this Digest of the Divine Law is to set forth the operation of these Laws and to clarify for our readers the distinctions between 1) the laws which govern the activities and operations of men and nations, and 2) the ordinances or ritual. These ordinances had their place and purpose in the Divine plan fully revealed through Jesus Christ in His life, ministry, death and resurrection. As to the laws apart from the ordinances it will be shown that if we must obey some, then we are bound to keep them all! If we can, with impunity, violate some, then God has failed and the Bible has ceased to be an authority for the guidance of men and nations. But God has not failed and the authority of His Word still stands immutable in its teachings and law.

#### The New Covenant

The New Covenant so stressed by the teachings of Christianity is, according

to the Bible, definitely associated with the keeping of the law. Jeremiah prophesied and Hebrews affirms, "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts." If then the Christian is not bound to keep the law how can it be written into his heart? After the New Testament had been established Paul declared that he was dead to the law. What law? Certainly it could not be that law which was written into his heart as the result of the work of the Holy Spirit! Later Paul asks the question, Why serve the law which was added? This was the law unto which Paul declared he was dead, for that law which was added to the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments received by Israel at Mt. Sinai was none other than the ordinances which were given as the result of Israel's sin when Aaron built the golden calf which they worshipped. These ordinances became a schoolmaster to bring the people to Christ. Now that Christ has come, the schoolmaster is no more needed; nor is it necessary to be in bondage to the ritual, which law Paul declared he served no more.

#### The Added Ritual

"Confusion" is the only word which explains the condition existing in the minds of so many Christians regarding the law through the failure to recognize the ordinances as that law which was added. The ritual does not now have to

be observed; but the Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments are still in operation and every man and nation will ultimately be compelled to observe and keep them. The day will yet come when God's people will be compelled to recognize the operation of these Divine Laws. Ezekiel prophesies of that time and says, "They shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them." (Ezekiel 37: 24.) Let us familiarize ourselves with these Divine Laws which the nation will yet be compelled to observe, keep and obey. In that day, "The law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Micah 4: 2.)

#### A Need Today

As the result of God's recognition of the needs of men there has been revealed to mankind rules and regulations, the keeping of which will bring prosperity and happiness to all men everywhere. Observance, with the resultant peace and goodwill, will yet characterize all national and international relationships.

It is this recognition on the part of men and nations of the Jehovah administration as set forth in the Divine Law which is essential. It is the crying need of a world full of trouble and strife!

"Law Is The Essence of Life," the second article in this Series, will appear in Destiny for February.

### Gideon Bibles

In times past when one entered a hotel room the first thing which caught the eye was a Bible upon the dresser. The Bible had been placed there by the Gideons for the convenience of the occupant of the room, and the testimony of those who have profited in the past through reading the Bible in the hotel room can be numbered by legions. But today the Bible is not always in its customary place and instead sundry advertisements which often include a list of wines and liquors are on display.

The Bible has been removed from sight in many hotels and one has to hunt through the dresser drawers in order to locate it. The disappearance of the Bible from sight has removed the invitation to read it.

We would like to know just why hotel managements have taken the Bible from its prominent place and hid it from sight? Is it because its display is inimical to the best financial interest of the hotel as it caters to the lower instincts of their guests? We would be interested to know the story back of taking the Bible from the dresser and hiding it from the eyes of hotel guests.

The Gideons have invested enormous sums in purchasing and placing Bibles in hotel rooms but their main objective is now being defeated through removing the Bible from its

customary and prominent place.

Many a man, despondent and discouraged, has had life

open anew unto him through reading the Bible which he has found displayed ready to read in his hotel room. It should be immediately put back there in sight again where it rightfully belongs. In this age of fast living let's have the Bible displayed as an invitation to those who are weary of life so they may open and read of the way of life which, if followed, brings real and lasting happiness to those who will abide by its teachings.

The first step has been taken toward completely eliminating the Bible from the hotel room as an unnecessary fixture. The devil certainly knows how to work. The Bible on the dresser of every hotel room has him disturbed, particularly on the nights when it should remind someone of his or her mother's or father's prayers. The desire is apparently to get rid of it altogether and the first step has now been taken in its journey toward the door.

The Gideons need to be alert, for the enemy has decided to remove the Book from the hotels as he succeeded in removing the Book from the public schools. We are sure that in their work of placing Bibles where good will follow that they have the hearty support of every Christian man and woman. Keep the Book prominent and in sight where it can be easily opened and let's add to this a campaign for opening and reading the Book, for even among Christians there are many who do not know its contents.

# Paganism Or Christianity?

By REV. E. J. SPRINGETT

ROM time to time, in articles which have appeared in Destiny, reference has been made to the fact that the present World Conflict is not like other wars, that it will not end as have any previous struggles, and that it is being fought equally as strongly in the Spiritual as in the Material sphere. It must be remembered that Naziism is more than a creed and is in fact a religion. A Pagan religion, it is true, but as has been well said: "A wholehearted paganism will defeat a half-hearted Christianity."

In confirmation of these statements, I quote now from the monthly report of an accredited News Agency which, speaking of supporters of Hitler in Germany, says: "They are raging fanatics who have no religion but National Socialism and no master but Hitler; they seem possessed by a madness. We will quote from a report of an observer just back from the Continent. Discussing this matter, he wrote: 'If Germany wins this war, Hitler will have achieved such a position in the hearts and minds of the German people that it is not unconceivable that the new religion already in its experimental stage in Germany, will attain permanency and Hitler will become the new Messiah and go down the ages as the supplanter of Christ. All this may sound fantastic, but Germany's youth is thoroughly permeated with these ideas, and they will create the legend. Paganism is rife among them. Blasphemy indeed. We are striving with no second-rate politician, nor a clever gangster, but a kind of mad Mahdi, the leader of a fanatical sect, a false prophet with a sword in one hand and a book of black doctrine in the other. There is more in this business than mere reaction to the defeats of the last war. More in it than good organization and military preparedness. Few of those who know the true character of Hitler's Germany will deny this. These terrible forces can only be overcome by superior organization in every material sphere, and by a true, not nominal devotion to a superior creed in the spiritual realm; a creed and a faith against which the evil can never prevail. We have not yet fully awakened to this and consequently, we are still floundering along in a half sleep walk."

We are glad indeed to note that, in this statement, there is the recognition that while an absolute totality of effort is required on the material and physical side of this conflict it must be supplemented by an equal totality of effort on the spiritual side; and that this consists in the active, militant manifestation of "a creed and faith against which the evil can never prevail."

But alas, there is little evidence at present of a Militant Christianity. True, we all profess and call ourselves Christians but, in most cases, that's the end of it. Why? Because there has been missing from our Religious training the vital knowledge and understanding of the Divine Plan and Purpose in Human History which is the Message of the Bible, God's Word Written, to the Nation. Just note those words, will you? -"The Bible, God's Word Written." I have used them many times before, but now let us just see what they actually imply and whether they are justified. The Bible is God's Word Written - it is the Written Word of God. It prefaces its most important statements with the tremendous affirmation "Thus saith the Lord" and over and over again its prophets declare: "The word of the Lord came unto me saying: -"

In the New Testament, we have the definite statement: "No prophecy of the scripture" (note well there is no exception) - "No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation: For the prophecy came not of old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," and again, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" and then remember that (speaking with special reference to the Old Testament) Jesus said: "The scripture cannot be broken" and declared that He had come to ratify and confirm all that had been

said by the prophets.

Much more evidence could be given relative to the statement that the Bible is indeed God's Word Written, that it is His direct Message to man everywhere, but primarily concerning Israel! But enough has been said to emphasize the exceeding importance of the Bible. Now if it is true and there can be no doubt regarding it; that, as has just been said, Hitler is a false prophet with

a sword in one hand and a book of black doctrine in the other - then he can only be successfully opposed by those who not only have a sword, represented by all the modern implements of war, in one hand, but who also have, in the other, the Word of God "which is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword."

To be thus armed, we must know the Book; and the majority of us do not know it. Why? Because it has been left out of our everyday experience and left out because we have been taught to re-

gard it as of little importance.

Our preachers and professors have been far more concerned in endeavoring to prove the source of the human authorship of the Bible than to proclaim its Divine Message to the Nation. They have argued and continue to argue as to whether the Truths of Genesis belong to "P" or "J" or "E," whether or not there were two Isaiahs, and whether the Book of Daniel can be rightly claimed to be the work of that

Here is an up-to-date case in point as reported in the Toronto Evening Telegram of November 1. It is an article written by Nellie L. McClung, the wellknown western Canadian writer and authoress. She says that recently she heard a radio announcer "introducing three university men who would discuss the Book of Job." That Book, which is one of the greatest and most majestic in the Bible, which proclaims the triumph of the faith in the face of almost every conceivable disaster and which, by its tremendous affirmations, has brought conflict and peace to many a sorrowful

"So," says Mrs. McClung, "I settled down to enjoy higher education. Then the discussion began. One professor led off with some talk of Job having been written by several writers at various times and in widely separated places, and there was a good deal of bickering over what it really set out to teach and pretty soon the question was being discussed - was Job justified in his faith in God? Had he any grounds for thinking that God's Purpose in all these afflictions was a kind one?"

Then Mrs. McClung goes on to describe the bickering that ensued, 'One of the speakers," she says, "got quite irritated; another said he didn't like Job at all." . . . "No one seemed to think there was much value in his meditations." . . . "And pretty soon the fifteen minutes had gone" (says Mrs. McClung) "and I had not heard one nourishing sentence nor was there one shred of comfort to cheer the heart of anyone."

And then she makes this comment: "We hear much these days of sabotage and saboteurs and we are quite rightly warned against them, and it behooves us to be on our guard against intellectual saboteurs, for we are going to need all our faith and hope and courage in this time of the breaking of nations. Surely we have the right to expect something better from our scholars than a flippant and cynical attitude towards the Charter of our liberties which is our faith." Bravo, Mrs. McClung. You have struck one good blow for the right and against the pseudo-intellectualism that has done so much to destroy the faith of our people, and has given to them the Stone of Modernism instead of the Bread of Life, and the strong meat of the Ever-living Word of God.

Listen to God's Words regarding these people: "And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of Man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds: Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither

have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill; yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord; As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; Therefore, O ve shepherds, hear the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock, neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them." (Ezekiel 34, I-IO.

The English Churchman of October 2 has this to say, editorially: "The times call also for a fresh and forceful proclamation of God's word from the pulpits of our land. How often do we hear complaints of powerless preaching! The spirit and power of Elias should characterize every ministerial utterance. And it should be remembered that Elijah's messages and acts derived their force from the fact that they were "according to the Word of the Lord." An inspired ministry must draw its warnings and its exhortations from the inspired Scriptures. National decay is the product of neglect of the Scriptures.

Only by obedient loyalty to the written Word of God can the consciences of men be awakened and the conduct of the nation rectified."

We have been proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom (which is the full Message of God's Word) for years against a stone wall of blindness and unbelief. When, as is absolutely certain, the events in relation to the present crisis, as proclaimed by the prophets and confirmed by Jesus, are fulfilled, and the forces of Evil and Aggression are destroyed, then this materialistic and doubting generation will know that God Almighty has done it and that we, the people of Anglo-Saxondom, are His people, Israel; for God declares: "So the House of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward."

The awakening to that knowledge will produce the greatest reformation of all time. Then shall we study the Bible, God's Word Written, from cover to cover and so understand God's Plan and Purpose for Israel; and the manner in which Israel has been redeemed in order to be capable of fulfilling it

Then, indeed, the Truth shall be known and the Truth shall make us free.

National Deliverance depends upon a National Awakening to the need of the Restoration of Divine Administration. Until there is a National turning to God with a desire and longing that His Laws become the Law of the Land, the pressure will continue and complete victory will not be ours.

Thank God we know from the Book that Jesus Christ, Himself, will take the Government of Human Affairs out of our hands, for He alone is able to establish Peace and Equity among the Nations

## Succinctly Stated

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It is ridiculous to suppose that The Crisis, when it comes, will be brought about without the entire solar system lending its assistance. God always works by means, and has certainly timed the clock-work of His universe in accordance with every end in view. No mortal mind will ever be able to arraign the fitness of His arrangements, and in due time the stars in their courses will drown the scoffer's voice!

A sense of confusion is the only reward we ever derived from consulting the average orthodox Biblical authorities. One generally finds a hopeless case whenever positive explanation is necessary. A mere compilation of clashing opinions, at best, with no reference to any common criterion of authority, is all they offer. With the authorities at variance, need we be surprised that the faith of many has grown cold and the spirit of Laodicea is in evidence in the Church today?

those who say they believe the Scriptures and yet cannot verify their faith by citing sound reasons for it. We are becoming convinced that one utters a downright falsehood when he says, "I believe," to that for which he can neither give a commonsense and satis-

THE EFFORT to vindicate Prophecy

by a fair appeal to history carefully har-

monized, deserves a better reception

than it has obtained at the hands of

factory reason, nor cite a direct "Thus saith the Lord."

# Immunity from War, Famine and Sickness

By the Late W. PASCOE GOARD, LL.D.

QUESTION is asked of Britain and America and the people of Britain and America today: What price are you willing to pay for immunity from war, famine and sickness?

There has arrived in Britain and America, and in every other nation, a most distinguished Ambassador from the Lord God Almighty. This Ambassador is authorized to offer in the plainest terms, on the honor and truth of the Lord God Almighty, the immunities referred to in this article's title.

The conditions are laid down so simply that all may read who will. They have been published more widely than any communication ever was from the Ruler of Great Britain, or the President of the United States, notwithstanding that both King and President — God bless them — speak to the world from time to time over the radio.

What are the offers made? Among them are the following:

"I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit."

"I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land."

"And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword."

"And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword."

"For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and establish my covenant with you."

"And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new."

"And I will set my tabernacle among you; and my soul shall not abhor you."

"And I will walk among you, and will be your God. I am the Lord your God . . ."
(Leviticus 26: 4-16.)

"The Lord will take away from thee all sickness..." (Deuteronomy 7: 15—also read Deuteronomy, chapters 5, 6, 7 and Deuteronomy 28: 1-14, which repeat the offer in other words.)

There are three communications from

the Lord our God; offering, and confirming the offer.

Peace, plenty, health, happiness, immunity in war, even though the agents of the devil thrust war on us; and the ultimate privilege of making peace and plenty universal in the earth are all offered plainly and surely.

Messenger after messenger has the Lord sent to Britain and the other nations, with this precise and specific covenant of blessings. It was presented first as part of the ordinances of the Church in Leviticus, the handbook of organized worship.

It was ratified in the recitation of the history of the covenant as set forth in Deuteronomy, chapters 5, 6, 7.

It is confirmed in the official digest of the constitutional law as set forth in Deuteronomy, chapter 28.

Every part of this covenant is further ratified by later Prophets.

Every jot and tittle of this covenant is ratified by Jesus Christ in His Sermon on the Mount.

Do we say, "We accept this as an act of faith, and day by day and week by week, in the liturgy of the Church, and in private prayer we pray to God for these promised blessings"?

But, alas, this is not a blessing which can be had because we pray.

This is a blessing we may have when we decide to pay, pay, pay. Strike the "r" out of pray, then carry through the act thus spelled. Let us pay the price; and the blessings will be ours.

What shall we pay?

Let us turn to this communication, and read the simple requirements of the Lord, and see if we are prepared to pay the price of peace and prosperity.

Clause One: "Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the Lord your God."

Clause Two: "Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary. I am the Lord."

Clause Three: "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them."

Here are the conditions: are we prepared to pay the price? It is objected, "that was the law for an older age, long before even Israel became a kingdom. It is obsolete now."

This offer and these conditions run through all the Old Testament Scriptures. We find them at every stage during the thousand years in which the Old Testament was being written. These, for instance, are the last words of the Old Testament (See Malaché 4: 9-6):

"Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

Still it is objected, "This is an Old Testament Law. But we are in the dispensation of the New Testament, and are free from that law, being made partakers of a better Covenant."

Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ at the very beginning of His Ministry:

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

"For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Still some scholar says: "But Jesus Christ advanced in His teaching, and that which He preached just before His ascension is much in advance of that which He preached in the Sermon on the Mount, wherein He dealt not with the Gospel, but with the law!"

True. Jesus Christ advanced with His teaching and preaching, exactly as the Professor did at College; and as our teachers did in school. The latter began by teaching us laboriously the alphabet, and the "three R's." As we advanced, he advanced, until we were finally taking our graduating subjects, or even our postgraduate work. But before the Professor

began to teach us, he knew his own subject from the beginning to the end.

Before Jesus introduced the advanced glories of the redemption accomplished, and the atonement made for the sins of the world, He brought forward the Law and the Prophets, and ratified them as the foundation of all which should follow.

Then He accomplished His redemptive work. Then He explained His redemptive work. Then He added the knowledge of the Gospel of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the foretellings of those very things which are now coming to pass, and which we found in the Prophets from the beginning.

The Holy Ghost at Pentecost, and thereafter, sent out the same clarion sound. In the Temple, before the assembled people of Judah and of Israel, St. Peter declared

as follows:

"And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel . . .

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

"Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution\* of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His Holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 3: 12-21. Read the whole of Acts, chapters 2 and 3, as part of this article.)

Let Britain and America, and our kindred nations, examine this, and see that until the repentance of Israel, which shall include the restoration of the law of the Lord, Jesus Christ must be retained in heaven until the last hour of our opportunity is past. So St. Peter declared. Shall we still keep Him banished from His Own throne and from His Own kingdom? Shall we act as enemies of our King and Lord by persisting in Israel's rebellion against His law?

Who Is the Ambassador Sent from the Father to Us His Kingdom Nations?

Let the Lord Jesus Christ tell us this. But first a glossary of the terms He uses will save time.

The vineyard in the parable is national Israel, then including Judah. So other Scriptures tell us. The messengers were the prophets. The Son whom the householder sent is Jesus Christ Himself. The husbandmen, then named, were the

Jews. From them the "kingdom" was taken away.

The nation to whom the vineyard was given is Britain and America and her fellow Israel nations.

Shall we also withhold from the Lord the price of the fruits of the vineyard? The vineyard consists of our national organizations, countries, and administrations. We keep Him from His own.

"Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

"And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

"And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

"Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.

"But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son.

"But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.

"And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard and slew him.

"When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?

"They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

"Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

"And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

"And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

"But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet."

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The Ambassador who waits on our government is Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Britain! America! and all other Israel nations, lovers of God and believers in Jesus Christ, what shall we do?

Shall we restore the Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments of the Lord as these Divine communications require us to do?

Premiers of the Empire, Viceroy of India, and Governors-General of the Colonies, shall we let our generation fail of bringing in the greatest measure of reform in all history? Shall our generation pass away, and fail to attempt the one great thing?

Shall we not give a restored constitution to the whole of the Commonwealth of Israel, and thus to the world?

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# Blind Is My Servant

By L. BUXTON GRESTY

CHAPTER FOUR

### Israel and the Promises

UES. 39. - Let us leave prophecy for a while and get back to your main theme. Let us get back to the promises to the fathers. Why were they not fulfilled to Israel of old? I agree that, except for the supreme promise of the birth of Christ, they have not been fulfilled to the Jews.

The promises to the fathers were admittedly not fulfilled to Israel of old. Their fulfilment was delayed by the failure of the nation to make good the solemn undertaking into which it had entered with Almighty God. This undertaking was the Mosaic Covenant. Moses called it "the Covenant at Horeb" (Sinai) for it was at Sinai that God called Israel to Himself as a special vehicle to be developed for His plan of world blessing. Here, they were constituted a nation, God Himself making the pronouncement: "Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people. And ye shall be unto Me a Kingdom of Priests and an holy nation."

And the nation, in solemn assembly, ratified the covenant on their part, saying: "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do."

By this ratification, the nation undertook to obey God's voice - to carry out any instructions which God might have for them. Such instructions were, from time to time, duly conveyed through Moses, and are recorded as statutes, judgments and ordinances in the Books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. These are referred to in Israelitish terminology as The Law.

Ques. 40. - In your opening remarks, you said that the promises to the fathers, being entirely unconditional, could not be revoked. Now you suggest that Israel's failure to keep the Mosaic Covenant interfered with the operation of the promises. How can that be?

The promises could not be annulled, but fulfilment might be delayed. God

gave Himself no time-limit; nor did He say to which generation the promises would be made good. Thus, for His own high purposes, we find God accepting from the nation about to enter Palestine an undertaking which He, being God, knew they would not honor.

Not knowing His mind, we can only assume that the subsequent dire experiences of covenant-breaking Israel were used by God as part of the training of His national vehicle of blessing. However, the fact remains that the Covenant was duly made and ratified. It was amplified by a further covenant between God and the nation in the land of Moab, just before the death of Moses.

Now, while the promises to the fathers were entirely unconditional, the Mosaic Covenant bound both God and

the nation very rigidly.

For His part, God undertook to reward national obedience to His instructions by prosperity, freedom from enemy attack, immunity from disease and general national happiness. But He equally bound Himself to punish national default most drastically, the ultimate punishment being enemy invasion and expulsion from the Holy

Ques. 41. - I quite see that Israel would prosper or suffer according to the extent to which she kept her undertaking. But what bearing has this upon the unconditional promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

It was the punishment clauses of the Mosaic Covenant which brought the difficulty. God, upon His own Holy Name, covenanted to punish the nation during periods of national disobedience. He could not, because He loved Israel, conveniently turn a blind eye to her faults. The punishment clauses of His Covenant would have to be invoked: "I am the Lord, I change

To keep His word, God had to keep covenant. If Israel disobeyed, she would have to be punished. This, alas, she did, even to incurring the most drastic penalty of expulsion from the land. As He said through Jeremiah: "Yet they obeyed not . . . therefore will I bring upon them all the words of this Covenant."

The effect of disobedience, therefore, was to postpone the coming into operation of the earlier promises. It would, of course, be impossible for the nation under punishment to enjoy, at the same time, the privileges embodied in the promises to the fathers. And this postponement was bound to continue until Israel, as a nation, returned to God and walked permanently in His ways.

Here, then, is the crux of the whole matter. The promises to the fathers were duly made and fulfilment guaranteed. But, in the covenant with the nation, God made such stipulations as would withhold the fulfilment of the promises until the nation should walk permanently in His ways. This seeming difficulty of God appearing to speak with different voices has troubled many good folk. It has also caused some to adopt doubtful expedients by way of explanation and apology. Yet surely it must be that God could be trusted to solve a problem which He Himself had created?

Ques. 42. - This could become rather confusing. Let us suppose that Israel proved herself permanently incapable of obeying God's voice nationally. Would that not mean that - unless God broke his promise to punish - the promises could never come into operation?

It seems impossible even to think of God breaking a covenant. Yet that is exactly what happened and we have His own word as evidence. But to break the covenant, God had to break Himself first. This He did, in Christ.

The breaking is poignantly described in the prophetic parable given in the eleventh chapter of Zechariah. This described the taking of two staffs bearing the names Beauty and Bands. Beauty is easily identified as Jesus Christ in the phrase: "they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver." The parable states (God speaking): "And I took My staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break My covenant which I had made with all the people. And it was broken in that day."

The necessity for the breaking of God — in Christ — is indicated in an explanatory passage in the ninth chapter of Hebrews: "For this cause He is the Mediator of the new covenant, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." And as Isaiah (chapter fifty-three) puts it: "For the transgressions of My people was He smitten."

Now, the only people in the world who were ever under the first (or old) covenant were the Israel people. They had, therefore, to be released from the punishment prescribed by that covenant (or testament) before there could be any possibility of the fulfilment of the eternal promises to the fathers. Christ's sacrifice on Calvary effected this release, removing, for all time, the barrier which, for centuries, had held back the development of God's Kingdom.

Ques. 43. — That is, I must confess, entirely new to me. I know, of course, that Christ died so that all mankind could be brought within reach of God's love. Am I to infer that there was a dual purpose in His sacrifice?

Yes; the purpose of Calvary was twofold. By His death, Christ became:

- r) The Saviour of the world of every individual, regardless of race or color. All these now were to have the opportunity of life immortal.
- The Redeemer of Israel God's chosen vehicle of world blessing.

Everyone is familiar with the firstnamed; but very few seem to appreciate that, before the Kingdom of God could commence its unseen growth, its nucleus-nation had to be "bought back" (redeemed) from the state of guilty wretchedness into which it had sold itself.

The breaking of the covenant to punish brought the nation once more within the Divine orbit. Thenceforward, through grace working in individual Israelites — racial and adopted — the way was open for the develop-

ment of a people worthy to participate in the promises to the fathers.

Ques. 44. — That is an inspiring, yet logical, exposition. There is, however, one point I should like you to explain further. You referred to "Israelites by adoption."

An answer can be found in the text: "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise"

What did you mean by that phrase?

A Gentile becomes an "Israelite by adoption" immediately he accepts Jesus Christ. He thereby becomes entitled to be included in the Kingdom-nucleus. There is, however, one important material difference between Israelites "by grace" and racial Israelites, most of whom now comprise the English-speaking peoples.

Adopted Israelites, living probably among countrymen who are indifferent or even hostile to Christianity, frequently have to suffer for their allegiance to Christ. In sharp contrast to this, racial Israelites enjoy national benefits. Theirs is the precious heritage of freedom, protection, prosperity and ordered progress. These are blessings which have been conferred upon the servant nation in order that it may be able to discharge its responsibility—which is to convey, in the name of Jesus Christ, those selfsame blessings to less fortunate peoples.

Christians in Germany, Russia, and many other countries have a much harder row to hoe than "Israel according to the flesh."

It therefore behooves the Commonwealth of Israel to count its blessings and nationally to be worthy of them.

Ques. 45. — Your reference to Israel's responsibility, brings another point to mind. I have heard it said that, although the Israel people still exist, their place in God's plan and purpose has been taken from them and given to the Church. Is there any Scriptural justification for this idea?

No. This particular misconception arose from the desire of earnest people to reconcile the Scriptures with the state of affairs—as they saw it—which existed in their day. It is none the less erroneous.

The whole trouble arose from the fact that Israel, as prophesied, lost her identity and became paganized. The Jews were regarded as the only remaining Israelites, and it was obvious that

the only promises made good to them were those of punishment and disaster. Some explanation had to be found for the apparent non-fulfilment of the promises. Organized religion's despairing effort in this direction was to transfer the whole of the promises of blessing to the Church — a spiritual fellowship. This left the poor Jews — who could not be thus spiritualized — to stagger forever under the punishments promised to Israel for disobedience to God's commands.

The adoption of such expedients as this, by way of apology for the definite statements of Scripture, was gladly seized upon by the atheists and agnostics of the past century. Men like Paine, Hume and Bradlaugh argued that God, having broken His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, could hardly be expected to keep His further promise of salvation and eternal life through belief in Jesus Christ. They dismissed, as sheer humbug, the contention that an Almighty God could alter His declared intention by substituting a company of believers for His company of nations. And logical people will feel bound to admit that there was a high degree of common sense in this attitude - at least, so far as it went.

Ques. 46. — Before proceeding to my next question, I should like to be sure that we are using the same terms. What exactly do you mean by the term "Church."

The Church of Christ is the world-fellowship of true believers of all time.

True believers are under obligation to accept, implicitly, the statements and beliefs of Jesus. They are also obliged to put into practice the principles of life enunciated by Him. And they are further enjoined to look and to work earnestly towards the time when He will shoulder the burden of world government.

Although no good or kindly act will ever be lost, and although there is no question of general "damnation" for persons not fortunate enough to be able to appreciate true Christian belief, it is clear, from Christ's own words, that the mere fact of being a good neighbor or citizen does not, in itself, qualify one for admission to Christ's Church. Faith and Hope as well as Love must be present—even though the "greatest of these is Love."

Ques. 47. — You have now made it quite clear that you refute, entirely, the theory that

Israel's promises have been transferred to the Church. Yet I believe this theory is widely held in orthodox Christian circles. What evidence can you bring to support your view?

There is not, to begin with, a shred of evidence in all Scripture which supports the idea that the promises have been spiritualized and transferred to the Church. There is, on the contrary, a host of passages which state most emphatically that Israel, although to be punished and "divorced" for her sins, will, in God's good time, be cleansed and restored. Take the first chapter of Hosea, where God, temporarily disowning Israel, says: "Ye are not My people, and I will not be your God." Here God is likening Israel to a faithless wife and pronouncing divorce upon her. But the same passage concludes with the promise of ultimate restoration: "It shall come to pass that, in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not My people, it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God."

Isaiah also refers to Israel as a divorced woman, but God hastens to add: "For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid My face from thee, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee."

Then there is the passage which says: "Like as I have brought this great evil upon this people, so also will I bring upon them all the good which I have promised them."

And for the proof of God's changeless purpose for Israel, we have only to read the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah: "Thus saith the Lord: If those ordinances (sun, moon and stars) depart from before Me, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me for ever."

Thus we have God's own assurance that Israel shall be a nation so long as sun, moon and stars exist. This tremendous proclamation from God Himself must surely dispose of man-made apologies to the contrary.

Ques. 48. - These quotations are all from the Old Testament, and although I accept them, I should also like to hear what New Testament writers have to say.

New Testament writers are no less definite than the Old. James, writing to the "twelve tribes scattered abroad," reminded them that: "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed to him for righteousness." In a long message to the Romans on this very subject, Paul said: "Hath God cast away His people? God forbid, for I also am an Israelite, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew."

After going on to explain that Israel's perception had been clouded by "having eyes that they should not see" losing their identity - Paul further points out that, for their punishment, they have been temporarily set aside in order that Gentiles might be given the opportunity - through belief in Christ - of obtaining adoption into what he termed the "Commonwealth of Israel," and he adds: "If the casting away of Israel be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead . . . and so all Israel shall be saved." And, in his famous speech before King Agrippa, Paul declared that Israel could hope for the fulfilment of God's promise when their twelve tribes should be "instantly serving God."

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Ques. 49. - What then is the function of the Church and why was it formed?

The Church — the body of implicit believers - has been selected by God for a highly important purpose in His plan for world progress and happiness. In the first place, its members, during their earthly life, are intended to be the "salt of the earth" - "a city set on a hill." Their work and conduct must be so modelled on that of Christ Himself. that they leave their corner of the world better than they found it. By their testimony they must propagate the Gospel of Christ.

Secondly, and even more important, they are called to be the administrators, under Christ, of God's Kingdom on Earth when, in His good time, that tremendous event passes from prophecy into history.

In sharp contrast to the obvious characteristics of the Church, the "Kingdom" is a "treasure hid in a field" to be revealed in the fullness of time.

It is promised to the Church that they shall "inherit the Kingdom" and it is of vital importance to note that the most definite promise in the whole of Scripture was made in this connection. Christ's disciples had asked Him what would be their reward in the Kingdom of God. In reply, He said: "Ye shall sit on twelve thrones judging (administering) the twelve tribes of Israel." Since Israel is the nucleus of the Kingdom, this promise meant that the apostles had been appointed to the cabinet

through which Kingdom affairs will one day, under Christ, be governed. The remainder of the Church will be used in a similar manner, but in a lesser and varying degree, for the ordering of the Kingdom.

It is idle to translate these vital promises into a realm of airy nothingness. They are basic and solid.

Ques. 50. - But there appears to be some justification for this attitude. Did not Christ say that: "My Kingdom is not of this world?" And does that mean that we are expected, not to look for a kingdom to be set

up on earth, but rather for a spiritual state in the next world, beyond the grave?

Christ certainly did use those words, but He did not mean that His Kingdom would not be on this earth. He used the words which, in their Greek rendering, denote origin and not location. He was explaining that His Kingdom was not of this world-order. It had no part in a worldly order of things, but came from

From His own words on many occasions, we learn most definitely that He, at any rate, expected to return again in person. Take, for instance, the following: "There shall be on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity: men's hearts failing them for fear. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." These are Our Lord's words and men "water them down" at their peril.

Many passages could also be quoted from the prophets and from the epistles. Paul tells us that: "The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven"; and Isaiah's wonderful prophecy - half of which has already been fulfilled - assures us that "of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end . . . upon His Kingdom, to order and to establish it with judg-

ment."

Ques. 51. — There is another passage in the New Testament which might be misunderstood. In this, Christ says: "The Kingdom of God is within you. It cometh not with observation." This is held by many to mean that God's Kingdom is in the hearts of men. Doesn't this conflict strongly with your view?

If it were merely in the hearts of men, what a poor little Kingdom it would now be! Of how many of us could it truly be said that God reigns in our hearts? Only a pathetic sprinkling.

To get the true meaning of Christ's

words, we need to consider the whole context. Christ was talking to the Pharisees, to whom He frequently referred as hypocrites, whited sepulchres, and children of the Devil. Surely it cannot be contended that Jesus meant that the Kingdom of God was in the hearts of men like these?

The alternative marginal translation

"among you" helps us to understand Christ's meaning. The Kingdom was indeed in their midst. In the person of its King, attended by the faithful few to whom He had promised that — in His Kingdom — they should "on twelve thrones" occupy important administrative positions under Him. The King in Council was at that moment in the very

midst of these scoffing Pharisees. But this was beyond their powers of observation for, as Christ said, it was "not given to them to know the mysteries of the Kingdom," this privilege being reserved for those willing to accept the plain message of the Scriptures with the simple "faith of a little child."

#### CHAPTER FIVE

### The Marks of Israel

UES. 52. — I accept your evidence on the "non-mongrel" character of the Celto-Saxon peoples, and I agree that Scripture shows Israel to be a Company of Nations. But what evidence can you bring to prove your contention that the Promises to the Fathers are fulfilled in the English-speaking peoples and in no others?

To face up to your question squarely, let us take the promises one by one.

There is first the promise that this multitudinous race should be used as a vehicle of world blessing. This is a very broad commission and therefore covers all things which are rightly accepted as blessings - ordered government, social justice, security, decent standards of living. But apart from these, God gave Israel an express command "to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke." Could anyone deny that the English-speaking peoples have, for centuries past, been in the van of every endeavor to carry the paramount blessings of freedom to the peoples of the earth? Is not the lifeand-death struggle in which they are now engaged sufficient proof of this? What would become of these blessings if the English-speaking peoples were to be engulfed?

Then there is the promise that Israel should become a "Nation and a Company of Nations" spreading abroad to every corner of the earth. If this does not refer to the United States of America and the British Commonwealth, then to whom can it possibly refer?

It does not follow, however, that light and blessing have not been carried, in some degree, by any other nations. But it must be conceded that the heat and burden of the day have, in the main, been borne on the broad shoulders of Celto-Saxondom. Take, for example, the Mission field. In this, by far the greatest effort has come

from Celto-Saxon organizations. And it is not for a moment denied that in some aspects of certain promises, Israel has been helped by other nations. But to be Israel, all the promises must be fulfilled in the one group of people.

All the promises have, in fact, been fulfilled in the English-speaking nations and in no other people.

Ques. 53. — Yet other peoples have claimed to be the vehicle of world blessing — the U.S.S.R., for instance, Japan, Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany also claim that they are about to inaugurate a new age.

The claims of the Axis countries are easily disposed of. Their "new age" is to bring benefit only to those who accept their own ideas of what is good for the world. And these ideas have been savagely demonstrated to occupied countries in Asia and on the Continent of Europe.

The claims of the U.S.S.R., however, need more consideration. The Communists do, at least, pay lip-service to some of the attributes of an equitable social order. Freedom, social justice, fair distribution of world-assets, equality of opportunity — all these occupy prominent niches in the façade which Communism presents to the outside world. There was once a time, indeed, when many workers in the cause of freedom cherished high hopes of a new order of things based on Communist ideology.

But actions speak louder than words. In spite of undoubted material progress inside Russia — and there certainly was plenty of room for it — the world has, during the past few years, been presented with a series of sinister facts that belie the lofty conceptions disseminated by clever Communist propagandists.

We have seen the abortive agreement with Nazism, and the elimination of

thousands of eminent citizens whose only fault was that they were "out" with the people in power.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." Bolshevik propaganda has unquestionably mouthed many of the Kingdom principles laid down by Christ Himself, but the whole hypocritical system has proved as barren and bankrupt of Kingdom fruits — principles put into practice — as is a slave-dealer of the milk of human kindness.

Ques. 54. — Scripture tells us that Israel shall possess the "heritage of the heathen." What does this mean and how does it apply to the Commonwealth of Nations?

When the promise was made, the heathen occupied the earth's wide open spaces. A large portion is still occupied by them; but, under Israel's guidance, most of them are now emerging from centuries of darkness and oppression.

Certain large tracts of territory—such as America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—which were once sparsely inhabited by the heathen, have also become the new homelands of English-speaking peoples. God commanded Israel to "spread abroad to the west, to the east, to the north and to the south" and unconsciously the command has been obeyed.

It has been contended that it was wrong to interfere with native peoples. One must, however, remember that the world had to progress. The native peoples were non-producers: mostly nomadic, they wandered from place to place in purposeless inconsequence. The potential bounty of the earth lay dormant, and it was not God's purpose that it should be so. This much can certainly be said: wherever, in heathen parts, the flags of the Israel nations fly, there the native can be sure of a squarer deal than from nations of the Continental

system. In the words of a famous British Cabinet Minister: "The welfare of the natives must be paramount."

Ques. 55.—I must confess to being more than impressed by the evidence you bring. Its weight and accuracy have served to stimulate my curiosity. Now, the English-speaking peoples have certain well-known characteristics. To mention the rough with the smooth, they are obviously a pioneering, maritime breed as well as a colonizing people. They are noted for their easy-going tolerance and for their obstinacy and, if we will be candid, they tend to be a little too fond of the cup that cheers. They are impatient of firm authority and the strict letter of the law. Do any of

There are many passages in Scripture which show that, as regards racial traits, our Israel peoples have changed but little during the last 3,000 years.

these essentially racial traits find mention in

Scriptural references to Israel?

The nation's future colonizing propensities were, of course, noted by the prophets. Moses foretold the pioneering spirit of Dan when he said that Dan would "leap (emigrate) from Bashan."

Palestine under Ezra and Nehemiah (Ezra;

Neh.). Because these descendants rejected

Jesus Christ (Acts 2: 22, 23), the long prom-

ised Messiah (Isa. 7: 14; 9: 6, 7; 53; Ps. 22),

they were overcome by the Roman Armies

in 70 A.D., Jerusalem was destroyed and those

that were not killed were scattered throughout

the world where they became "an astonish-

ment, a proverb, and a byword among all

nations." (Deut. 28: 37.) Unlike the Ten

Tribes the Jews were never "lost" (Matt.

15: 24) as their "shew of countenance" (Isa.

3:8) was a conspicuous identification every-

where. Acknowledging Jesus Christ as their

Messiah and Redeemer they will, with all of Judah, be united with all the other tribes

(Ezek. 37). So that altogether the twelve-

tribed people of Israel are, as was foretold, a

multitude in the earth (Deut. 33) and their

recognition of their identity and responsibil-

There is testimony, too, in the fifty-fourth chapter of Isaiah. God is here speaking to the erring wife, Israel, whom He has temporarily "divorced," and refers to her as "barren and desolate" in contrast with the then faithful Judah, who is called the "married wife." He says: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left."

As to their being a maritime people, God — speaking of Israel by the mouth of the reluctant prophet Balaam — said: "His seed shall be in many waters. Deborah's song infers that the tribe of Dan had so many ships that they "remained" in them instead of assisting their brethren to defeat the hosts of Sisera.

Our modern traits of obstinacy and impatience of strict authority are perfectly reflected in the many stern rebukes delivered to ancient Israel. "Ye are a stiff-necked people," fumed Moses. "Thou art obstinate; thy neck is an iron sinew and thy brow brass," complained Isaiah. And Isaiah's bitter condemnation: "Woe to the drunkards of Ephraim!" brings forcibly to mind

the hard-drinking habits, not only of our ancient Anglo-Saxon forbears, but also those of more recent times.

Our nation's easy-going guilelessness—we trusted Hitler, it must not be forgotten—is surely indicated by: "Ephraim is a cake not turned"—i.e., half-baked.

Ques. 56. — I agree — so far as a layman can — that the Celto-Saxons do appear to possess the "gate" of their enemies. But have you any corroboration from military experts that the points in possession of the English-

speaking peoples are of vital strategic value?

Yes, their value has been endorsed by numerous authorities, including the late Admiral Lord Fisher. Their strategic value in the present conflict is also the subject of a special pamphlet published in 1940 by Capt. Bernard Acworth, D.S.O., R.N., the well-known writer on naval strategy. The most potent "gate" of all is, of course, the sea, and we all know that sea power is the chief bulwark of the Celto-Saxon peoples.

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### What We Stand For

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ity holds mighty possibilities for the future.

#### All Who Believe in Christ

We of course recognize the fact that all who are "born again" (John 3: 1-7), and who believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, partake of the blessings of the Covenant (Gal. 3: 6-8, 26-29). They are "grafted in" (Rom. 11: 17) for God has concluded all in unbelief "that He might have mercy upon all." (Rom. 11: 32.) We simply emphasize the great Israel Truth because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching.

#### Seeking Neglected Truths

This American nation is a Covenant Commonwealth, included in the unalterable, unconditional Covenant which God made with Israel (Gen. 22: 15-18). But on its own behalf, also, our American nation in its national documents made its own covenant with God which it is dishonoring today. We are trying to recall the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples to a sense of their present position and responsibility (Ezek. 33: 1-7).

This, in large and general terms, defines our position. We number amongst our adherents clergymen and members of every denomination. We are anti-nothing but proverything relating to God's revealed purpose. We present the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today, as in Bible times — the same people with the same work — but now nearing a time of great change in the world for the fuller entry of the Rule of God amongst men (Matt. 24: 3-42).

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Month after month in this publication these all-important matters are discussed, including the various phases and development of the present raging war as shown in the Scriptures. This is not the publication of a sect, nor a cult. We are Christians of many denominations who have formed a non-profit educational center with the single purpose of getting the Bibles of America opened to their complete truth — stressing particularly the neglected truth of the identity of Israel; which opens to one's understanding that vast hemisphere of national and prophetic truth which we must all sometime take into account. Obviously no single issue of Destiny Magazine can be complete in a discussion of these things. Interested persons are therefore invited to read it regularly, and to correspond with the publishers regarding previous issues and the many books and booklets which are available on the subject.

# One Man's Destiny

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CHAPTER VII
Abraham's Family in America in the
20th Century A.D.

SETTLEMENT in the British Isles did not end the westward march of Abraham's posterity. While their gathering in the islands was taking place, bold sea rovers among the Northmen or Norsemen, in sturdy, sharpprowed, open vessels, were charting courses across the Atlantic to the coastlands of Iceland, Greenland and North America.

Every student who has had a semester or two in American history has been thrilled by the sagas of the Scandinavian heroes, Eric, the Red, and his son, Leif Ericson. Traces of early Norse colonizations, which preceded the explorations of Columbus by nearly five hundred years, have been found as far west in the United States as the interior lake region of central Minnesota.

Israel had not reached the western horizon of her new heritage even when the last of the ten tribes arrived and completed the reunion of the House of Isaac in Britain. It is true the foundation was laid for the "multitude of nations" destined to issue from Ephraim; but branches were yet to "run over the wall" to form the great people of Manasseh. (See Gen. 48: 15-20; 49: 22.) As one writer has said:

"We seek the Israel that was in Britain as a station on its way to America. American Israel can be traced in British Israel long before the Pilgrims crossed the sea. The first slender tendrils stretching over the wall were the explorers and adventurers in their restless search of the western ocean. They were led by a way they knew not to find a land they had never known. God was making paths in the sea against the time when Israel should be ready to come. And He was already nurturing in the central shires of England a life that should move them to come. As many times before in Israel's life, priestly and kingly power in England became oppressive. The Lollards arose, then came the Brownists, Separatists and Puritans, and with them a host that was friendly to liberty of conscience."

Queen Elizabeth's "Act of Uniformity" disrupted the national unity of

Jacob's tribes and started an important separation. Courageous, conscientious men and women felt that the English Church should not conform to the ritualism of Rome. They dissented and formed independent communities. Their persecution led Elder Brewster, John Robinson, William Bradford, Miles Standish and kindred souls to Holland where, after ten or twelve years of economic struggles and disappointments, a fearless group boarded the Mayflower and launched out into the deep with their determined faces toward the West. After a stormy voyage of nine weeks they planted Plymouth Colony on the bleak, solitary coast of what is now called Massachusetts.

"The University of Cambridge was a center that fed the intellect of this new-forming branch of Israel which all unaware of its destiny was growing in the midst of Israel in the Isles. A state of mind was forming which not only led to the flight of the Pilgrims but to Cromwell's Revolution which interrupted the kingly succession for twelve years. These divisions were implicit in the steady formation of the root of American Israel in the very midst of British Israel. . . . Thus the quiet incubation of the leaders of Israel to the farther West went on, and when the force of persecution could no longer be evaded, they were not like frightened, scattered sheep, but a strong federation of Christian families gathered in a church that was also an economic unit, with a pastor like John Robinson and leaders like Brewster and Bradford. For we must never forget that the real beginning of America was a little believing church. And we should remember the Providence that, in spite of kings and prelates, allowed that little church to be gathered. They were not rude unlettered peasants. They were many of them graduates of the ancient English universities and able to read their Bibles in the original Greek and Hebrew." So, under God's guidance, "the smallest and weakest and least ambitious of all the invasions - because it was the strongest spiritually - was to define the character of America." (Excerpts from Destiny Magazine, April 1939, pages 23-24.)

How truly "God works in mysterious

ways His wonders to perform!" In 1615 an unscrupulous Englishman by the name of Hunt was scouting along the shores of Cape Cod. He enticed some Indians aboard his ship, then sailed away to sell them as slaves to the Spaniards. Hunt's treachery was soon known to Indian tribes far and wide, who took revenge by killing white men wherever they landed along the coastlands. In 1616 a devastating plague swept through all the Indian settlements in the Cape Cod region and most of the warriors perished. The few that remained fled in terror. An Indian brave, Tisquantum, or Squanto, was among Hunt's captives. After a time Squanto managed to escape and made his way to England, where he learned to speak English. He was treated kindly by a merchant named Slanie who, in 1619, sent Squanto back to America. In the meantime pestilence had visited Squanto's native territory; so when he returned his family and his tribe were

In autumn of the very next year the Mayflower battled against a "vast and furious ocean" in a desperate attempt to reach Virginia where its passengers expected to land among friends; instead, the little weather-beaten ship was driven to a port far north of their intended destination. God guided these noble Christian Pilgrims to America as surely as he led their forefathers out of Egypt.

"When they sailed west they carried a patent for lands in Virginia. They would not have been happy in Virginia - they would have found many of the same conditions that irked them in England and Holland. And so, winter and storm drove them on Cape Cod; their Master Mariner would take them neither to the Dutch at New York nor to the English at Virginia; they were compelled to settle on the bleak shore of the north. . . . The Hand of God was on the winds and on the helm. He had sifted three kingdoms for this planting and He had chosen and prepared a place not named in any of the land patents or sailing directions which the Pilgrims carried."

Three months after the Pilgrims disembarked on Plymouth Rock they found themselves in distressing circum-

stances which sorely tried their faith and courage. Half their colony had died - and those still living were in sorrow and despair. Then help came from a most unexpected source. "The Indian Squanto walked into their settlement! He became their friend, their instructor in agriculture and fishing, their interpreter, their ambassador of peace to all the neighboring tribes. When the little community was on the point of starvation, he would go to the shore and with his feet tramp eels out of the mud for their food. He became a great friend and helper of Captain Miles Standish. Once when his life was in danger because he was 'the tongue of the English,' and to kill him would deprive them of his services, the Pilgrims marched to his rescue, as Abraham marched and fought to rescue Lot. . . .

"What would have become of the feeble Pilgrim band, weakened by their terrible sea voyage on scant rations and in crowded quarters, had they been cast upon that wintry shore at the mercy of 3,000 infuriated Massachusetts Indians, smarting under the outrage perpetrated by Hunt? They must surely have perished. They walked warily through the silent forests, expecting hourly the war whoop. None came. They expected the deadly shower of arrows. None came. They wondered that this stretch of shore was so quiet why they found the untouched, buried corn (which they afterwards paid for), why so great a peace reigned over all the scene. It was months before they knew that the plague had swept the land, and that the stormy winds which broke up all their plans had driven them upon the only part of the American coast where at that moment they could have been free of attack. A signal Providence!

"And to think that Hunt's very perfidy was the means which preserved to them out of the plague the one most needed, most fitted human friend, Squanto, the Indian, and returned him to America as a friend of the white man in the very nick of time for the service of God's new planting in the earth! Does it not fill us with wonder and worship of the marvelous ways of the Lord?

"Our American history has always been like that. He who reads this nation's story with the Hand of God left out sees but the hollow shell. This nation was conceived in the councils of God, and brought forth by the power of God, and it belongs to God." (From an excellent short treatise on "God's Hand in U. S. History," by W. J. Cameron.)

It has been truly said that these forefathers of ours proceeded in all their plans after the pattern of Israel, and that the planting of America which determined the country's character was a spiritual planting. "The fathers who planted this nation were Christians. They came here as Christians. They came because they were Christians. They came on a specifically Christian venture." How do we know this? When the Mayflower dropped anchor in the waters of Cape Cod Bay, the Pilgrims, before they set foot on American soil, assembled in the ship's cabin and framed a solemn document called the Mayflower Compact.

"In the Name of God. Amen. We whose names are underwritten, having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith, a voyage to plant the first colony . . . do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually in the presence of God combine ourselves into a civil body politic."

Thus our Civil Body Politic began "In the Name of God." For our own edification we should contemplate that scene as the beginning of American politics.

During the next century and a half many thousands of people came from the Old World to the New. Leaders from the various colonies felt the need of federation. Consequently a godly man drew up the Articles of Confederation which begin significantly:

"Whereas, we all came in to these parts of America with one and the same end, namely, to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in purity, we therefore conceive it our bounden duty . . . that as in nation and religion, so in other respects, we be and continue one."

The adoption of these Articles by the thirteen Colonies made us a People. The Declaration of Independence made us a Nation. Our union was further strengthened by the adoption of the Federal Constitution. Its Preamble emphasizes a fact of prophetic import — "We the people of the United States —."

Who were these Founding Fathers of America? What was their background? In 1669 Nathaniel Morton wrote their history in his work, "New England's Memorials." It reads like a continuation of Israel's story in the Bible — and in very truth it is! He states that the objective of his chronicles was "The praise of the Lord. That especially the seed of Abraham his servant, and the children of Jacob his chosen, may remember his marvelous works in the beginning and progress of the planting

of New England, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth; how that God brought a Vine into this wilderness; that he cast out the heathen and planted it. . . . And not only so, but also that he hath guided his people by his strength to his holy habitation and planted them in the mountain of his inheritance."

As one keen observer says, "That is how the first Americans wrote history. And that also is why the later Americans cannot write history — they have lost the key. Our history is in reality a continued Bible with God's miracles never absent."

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So these early Americans knew their origin. They called themselves the seed of Abraham, and the children of Jacob His chosen. They identified themselves as a vine, or bough of Joseph, whose branches ran over the wall and were transplanted by the Lord in a new inheritance.

Let us return to the great migration from Assyria and examine a few details which are important at this point. When the Massa-getae settled for a time in Europe they became known by the names of the two main branches of their race - Eglai and Angai - and the general name of Massa-getae was dropped. The name Eglai is quite similar to the Hebrew word Eglah, meaning "heifer of the wild ox, ox-antelope or Unicorn," which was the "heraldic device of Ephraim." According to tradition, the tribe of Ephraim settled northeast of the Caspian Sea very place where the Eglai lived.

The Angai were subdivided into two sections, namely, the Sar-Angai (North people) and the Dar-Angai (South people). They lived near the Eglai on the shores of the Caspian Sea. Tradition affirms that the tribe of Manasseh, as well as Ephraim, settled in that same region. So it seems reasonable to identify the Eglai with Ephraim, and the Angai with Manasseh. Historians tell us that the Eglai and the Angai were very much alike in customs, habits and dress. This fact is not surprising since both Ephraim and Manasseh were the sons of Joseph. According to Rawlinson there is a people called by Herodotus the Egli, who appeared in Bactria and close to the Sacoe. "These are said by Hanney to be Sachs, and their real name to have been Angai. Hanney suggests their origin to be Beth-Sak or Beth-Khumri, and both these Anglai and Eglai to be the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh." As these two tribes migrated on across Europe their names,

Eglai and Angai, were merged into the joint name of Angles, or Engles.

The people of Manasseh were divided into two distinct sections even when Joshua issued the original land grants in Canaan; in Europe they called themselves the North and South People; in Britain they were still the North and South Folk; and, in America they were once North and South People divided by Mason and Dixon's line, but now they are one great People united by the providence and grace of God.

When the Angai or Manasseh section of the Angles came to England they formed themselves into a kingdom known as East Anglia. It was from this territory that the Puritans came and founded the colony at Plymouth Rock. A work called "The English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers," by Charles Edward Banks, contains statistics showing that at least half the Pilgrims came from the eastern counties, and particularly from the county of Norfolk. "This part of England was known as East Anglia and in the days of the Heptarchy it formed a separate kingdom."

The East Anglian element was predominant also among the thousands of colonists who followed the Pilgrims to New England. Samuel Eliot Morison of Harvard, in his "Builders of the Bay Colony," page 107, says: "From East Anglia came the heaviest contingent for the planting of Massachusetts Bay." It has been said too that so far as English counties are concerned, the largest colonies came from Suffolk, "the heart of East Anglia." Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island gradually developed from this nucleus of Massachusetts Bay. "In 1643 these formed the American Confederation, a defensive union with a constitution based on the Mosaic Law, as is that of Great Britain." If the East Anglians were the descendants of Manasseh, as our research indicates, then the tribe of Manasseh is represented today by the people of the United States.

A careful Bible student points out—
"Just as in the U. S. A., descendants of all the tribes of Israel are to be found, but Manasseh predominates, so in Britain the tribe of Ephraim predominates. It is from these Angles, or English people that England derives its name. Angleterre, the French word for England, literally means 'Land of the Angles.' That the Angles predominate in Britain scarcely anyone will dispute; they outnumber the Highland Scotch, Irish, Welsh and Manx combined. In 1894, Lord Rosebery described England

as 'The predominant Partner in the United Kingdom.'"

By this time one should be able to see how perfectly the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America fulfill the statements of the patriarch Jacob in Genesis 48.

"Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn.

"And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

"And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head. His father refused and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also (Manasseh) shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother (Ephraim) shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations."

"Let my name" — ISRAEL — "be named on them." Is it not clear that some day the house of Joseph — that is, Ephraim and Manasseh — would grow into a multitude constituting the main body of God's covenant Israel Race?

I Chron. 5: 1-2 contains valuable information which should be kept in mind constantly. Because of unworthiness Reuben was denied the rights of a firstborn son; consequently "his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's."

From these statements we learn that the royal line would continue through Judah; but the birthright, guaranteeing multiplicity and dominion in the earth, would be given to Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. "Joseph is a fruitful bough. . . . Even by the God

of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under. . . . The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren." (Gen. 49: 22-26.)

Mark how the word "great" has become significantly attached to this multitude of Joseph that we now call Anglo-Saxons. Manasseh will be a great people; Ephraim meaning doubly fruitful — will be a greater (numerically) multitude of nations: so said their grandfather Jacob, speaking in the Spirit of prophecy. Great Britain! what Britisher is unmindful that he is part of the world's largest empire? Great People of the U. S. A.! and what American does not readily admit that we are the greatest people in the world? Some day all of us will acknowledge our greatness with far more humility and gratitude than at the present moment. We will awake to the fact that our position in the world is due, not to our inherent goodness and wisdom, but to the terms of God's covenant with our forefather Abraham. "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great." (Gen. 12: 2.)

The Hebrew word "berith" or "brith" means covenant; it occurs more than a hundred times in the Old Testament and is always translated "covenant." "Ish" is the Hebrew word for "man"; hence Brithish, or British, literally means "covenant man." Moreover, Adam Rutherford calls our attention to the fact that the Hebrew word "ain" means "land," and that the Hebrew sound "annia" means "ships." Thus Brit-ain is the land of the covenant; and Brit-annia—ships of the covenant—"rule the waves."

One writer bids us "Note how often God repeats His Covenant and to impress this on Abram's mind, He changed his name to Abraham, which means The Father of a great multitude. . . . The British race is really named after this covenant God made with Abram, the Hebrew word for Covenant being Brith." P. H. Pritchett of New Zealand comments on this point as follows: "Whether it was only blind instinct impelling them, or that they had still remembered some faint tradition or prophecy, no one can tell, but the remarkable fact remains that they had begun to call themselves in Hebrew

'The Covenant People when they reached their appointed place."

Heraldry, "the Handmaid to History," often reveals many interesting things out of a nation's past. Consider Balaam's prophecy in Numbers 24: 5-9 concerning Israel's future exaltation:

"How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lignaloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. . . . His seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee."

It is truly remarkable that this prophetic description of Israel's rise to world dominion should be illustrated by the lion and the unicorn, the very animals that now appear on the British Royal Coat of Arms. These same two animals were used also on the heraldry of ancient Judah and Israel. The Lion of Judah was the emblem of the southern kingdom and the Unicorn of Ephraim was the emblem of the northern kingdom. Oddly enough, arrows, the other symbol used in the prophecy, appear on the ensigns of the United States.

So the lion still symbolizes the throne of David, while the unicorn represents the nation Israel headed by Joseph-Ephraim: thus even Britain's heraldry unites the scepter line of Judah and the birthright line of Joseph. We have here the explanation of a modern miracle the source of that mysterious, unseen Power which binds the great Commonwealth of Free and Independent Nations to the British Crown. Their solidarity puzzles Great Britain's friends and is now the despair of her foes. When subversive forces tried to get control of the throne through the former Prince of Wales, British statesmen guided the empire safely through the crisis by removing the crown prince from the scene of action - to the astonishment of the whole world. As it dawns in one's mind that the British throne is the throne of David, his first reaction is usually, "Well - that explains everything! I see now how and why it survives and continues to hold

independent nations of free peoples together.'

Joseph-Manasseh emblems too are most surprising. Many people pay little attention to the Great Seal of the United States which adorns official government documents, Federal buildings and our one-dollar bills. When our nation consisted of only the thirteen original Colonies John Hancock appointed Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson a committee to design the Great Seal. It caused about six years of debate in the Continental Congress before its adoption in 1782.

"And then look at the seal which finally evolved," says W. J. Cameron, who writes most interestingly on this subject. "What do you find on it? On the obverse side you find the Eagle (also an Israel emblem) with thirteen stars above its head, 13 letters in the motto which flutters on a scroll from its beak, 13 paleways in the shield on its breast, in its right talon an olive branch with 13 leaves and 13 olive fruits, in its left talon 13 arrows fledged with 13 feathers. Here are seven sets of 13's on one side of our Great Seal. I will say it for the benefit of the superstitious that 13 is the lucky number of the United States, and has been so all down its history. And 13 was the number of the Tribes of Israel. And the 13th Tribe of Israel was Manasseh, whose name means 'forgetfulness,' and if there has ever been a people forgetful of all its past, it is this last, this 13th, this Manasseh-Israel people in the United States.

"Look at our Great Seal again. Whence do we get the Olive as our national flower? It is the sign of Israel everywhere throughout the Scriptures. Turn to the reverse side - you see a pyramid unfinished. What is a Pyramid doing in the United States of America? We thought Pyramids belonged to Egypt. Well here on the Great Seal of the United States is a Pyramid of 13 courses of masonry, and above it, floating in the Glory and having emblazoned on it the All-Seeing Eye is the capstone of the Pyramid which never was set - 'the chief cornerstone' spoken of by our Lord as the stone which the builders rejected. That headstone of the corner, the apex stone, was never set on the Great Pyramid of Egypt, it has not yet been set on our national pyramid - but it hovers there on our Great Seal, it floats there in the Glory, as if awaiting the moment when it shall descend to complete our national structure with a divine completion. A Pyramid on the United States government Seal? It should occasion no surprise. It was Israel genius that built the Great Pyramid, and set therein its mathematical confirmation of divine truth for a scientific generation to read. The Pyramid and the Olive, the stone which the builders rejected and the All-Seeing Eye, the effulgent rays of the Divine Glory and through it all the number thirteen - a Bible-reading shepherd in the desert of Mesopotamia, who had never heard of the United States, would say on seeing our national emblems, 'Surely this is the people Israel!' And all this came about without knowledge, without intent, on the part of the statesmen who designed it. Truly, it is a most remarkable circumstance."

Where else in all the world can one find a Multitude of Nations and a Great People meeting these Bible specifications? Surely, then, it is not unreasonable to conclude that the general name by which the principal nations of 20th century Israel are known today is Anglo-Saxons - "a name in which their identity is both concealed and revealed."

(To be continued)

### Autobiography Within a Larger Biography

"THEN, slowly and kindly, it dawned upon me that after all, back of each phenomenon, was something in evolution yet unanalyzed, an inspiration, a spirit which we could never compass within a test tube nor lay beneath the microscope. It furnished the spark, it permeated the world, it was the cause of the remotest star, of the blade of grass at my feet. It was unnamed, unmeasured, and always would be. With greater reverence than my boyhood knew, I was again brought to my knees in worship of the Eternal."

Thus is related but one experience in an engagingly told new autobiography, The Incurable Romantic, \* by Roderick Peattie.

Vastly more than an autobiography, it sweeps the swiftly moving decades since the turn of the century, is a significant story of one who has lived (and enjoyed the living) in scattered sections of America, taking occasional sojourns elsewhere. Vivid and colorful as the life-story of an American and his family, it becomes most il-luminating when viewed within its larger setting; within that larger story of our nation itself - as a single family entity in the ongoing history of the People of the Book, here in the last-formed nation of God's free people; here in that romance of national history which is — America.

Its moments of seriousness are balanced by a compensatingly natural, rish, admittly expressed.

compensatingly natural, rich, adroitly expressed humor. A few of his ideas might jar you, though you would overlook them in re-living with Peattie the experience of the story-at-large, and find both pleasure and value in the reading.

— C. S. W.

\* Macmillan, \$3. (Quotation used by permission of the publishers.)

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#### The 'Acid Test' of Numerics

To THE EDITORS OF DESTINY:

The November, 1941, number of Destiny just received. I was very much pleased to see the article on "The Genealogy of Jesus, According to Matthew."

Truly, in these days, the very integrity of the Bible demands that we "should keep seated at the threshold of each particular difficulty until it is cleared away," not only for our own satisfaction but that we may make it clear to others.

"As surely as Abraham is the first generation in the first group of fourteen generations, so surely is Jesus intended to be the fourteenth generation in the third group of fourteen generations." No other conclusion is logical from the wording of the first verse as well as from the wording of the seventeenth verse of this first chapter of Matthew.

"Book of-birth of-Jesus Christ son-of David

son-of Abraham."

So declared Matthew at the very beginning of his book. He very plainly states in the latter portion of this same chapter that Joseph was in no way responsible for the birth of Jesus. Hence Joseph, the husband of Mary, can have no part in this genealogy. This verse means absolutely nothing if we start with Abraham and count from father to son to Joseph and stop short before we get to Jesus, and the third section of verse seventeen is just as meaningless if Mary is not No. 13 of the third group of fourteen generations. Therefore, Joseph must have been the father of Mary. However, this does not necessarily mean that this Joseph was the same Joseph who was the husband of Mary. There is no reason why there could not have been two Josephs - one the father, and the other the husband, of Mary. This view would remove part of the difficulty.

The main difficulty to be overcome in deciding just what is the right answer to the problem as to whether this is the genealogy of Mary, or not, is found in the words "Joseph the husband of Mary." This is the translation according to the A.V. of the Greek  $I\omega\sigma\eta\phi$   $\tau\sigma\nu$  arba Marias. Now this word arap either has been translated wrongly, or has displaced an original  $\pi\alpha\tau\eta\rho$ . There is no textual evidence to support the latter supposition, so we will confine our efforts at the present to determine whether this word  $\alpha\nu\eta\rho$  ( $\alpha\nu\delta\rho\alpha$  in the accusa-

tive) rightly belongs in the text.

The BIBLE is its own interpreter, and it is unthinkable that God would leave His WORD in such a condition that it could not possibly illuminate itself. But the WORD itself says, "It is the glory of God to conceal the word; it is the glory of kings to search out the word." (literal translation of Proverbs 25: 2). While God took such pains to conceal His WORD, at the same time He provided abundance of keys so that "he who is willing to search as for hid treasures" can know what message He intended man to get from it.

One of the keys God has given for the elucidation of His Word is the Science of Bible Numerics! Adam Rutherford, in a footnote on page 518

of his book, "Israel Britain," writes:

"The Science of Bible Numerics is invaluable as an 'acid test' as to the genuineness of the text, eliminating at once all faulty readings and spuri-

ous passages.'

For the benefit of those who may not know just what is meant by Bible Numerics, or how it may be used to confirm or reject some disputed readings of the original text of Scripture, we are going to give an example, using Matthew I: I. This cannot be shown from the English text, but must be from the Greek, or Hebrew. The Greek

### LETTERS

No purely expository article since "Valley of the Shadow of Death" (Destiny, June 1941) has been provocative of so much controversial correspondence as "The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah" which appeared in our November issue.

Among the many letters received we have selected this one from Mr. Elliot of Los Angeles. Reflecting knowledge and love of the Scriptures and, in addition, conversance with the usually neglected factor of Bible Numerics, the value of his letter is clearly evident!

text used is that of Westcott and Hart. Βιβλος γενεσεως Ιησου χριστου υιου Δαυειδ υιου Αβρααμ.

Here are 8 words, but one of them is used twice, so we have a vocabulary of only 7 words.

The vocabulary words, in the forms used, have  $42 (6 \times 7)$  letters, 24 vowels and 18 consonants, but if we list them by the forms which are given in the Lexicon we still have 42 letters but half of them,  $21 (3 \times 7)$  are vowels and half consonants. Moreover these 21 vowels are in 3 groups of 7 each, and the consonants in 2 groups, one of 7 and one of 14 letters.

These are only a few of the numerical features of this verse, but they are enough to give an idea of how Numerics works.

Ivan Panin, of Toronto, Canada, is responsible for the following data.

There are 49 words in the vocabulary of Matthew I: 1-11. These 49 words are arranged in multiples of seven. There are:  $42 (6 \times 7)$  nouns, 7 not nouns;  $14 (2 \times 7)$  occur once, 35  $(5 \times 7)$  occur more than once;  $28 (4 \times 7)$  begin with vowel,  $21 (3 \times 7)$  begin with consonant; 7 end with vowel,  $42 (6 \times 7)$  end with consonant.

These 49 words have 266 (7  $\times$  38) letters, of which 140 (7  $\times$  20) are vowels, and 126 (7  $\times$  18) are consonants.

Of the 42 nouns, 35 (5  $\times$  7) are proper and 7 common. Of the 35 proper nouns, 28 (4  $\times$  7) are male names, 7 not male.

Ivan Panin has also published numerical data of the first 17 verses of Matthew I, covering all the features mentioned heretofore, showing the number of occurrences of words, letters, forms, etc. These all have these same numerical features, even to the number of letters used, and their numerical value.

Each letter of the Greek or Hebrew alphabet has its own numerical value, as shown in this list.

a = 1	$\iota = 10$	$\rho = 100$
$\beta = 2$	$\kappa = 20$	$\sigma s = 200$
$\gamma = 3$	$\lambda = 30$	$\tau = 300$
$\delta = 4$	$\mu = 40$	v = 400
$\epsilon = 5$	$\nu = 50$	$\phi = 500$
$\xi = 7$	$\xi = 60$	$\chi = 600$
$\eta = 8$	o = 70	$\psi = 700$
$\theta = 9$	$\pi = 80$	$\omega = 800$

There are no letters used in the Greek New Testament for 6, 90 and 900, so they have been omitted.

Panin also says there are 72 words in the vocabulary of Matt. I: 1-17. These 72 words have a numerical value of 42,364, or 7 times 6,052. These

72 words occur in 90 forms. The numerical value of these 90 forms is 54,075, or 7 times 7,725.

If the number of letters in the text were increased or decreased by only one letter, these numerical features would be destroyed.

Panin's figures are based on the use of the word ανδρα. If we were to substitute the word πατερα. the accusative form of the word marno, father, for ανδρα, the accusative form of the word ανηρ, man or husband, we would increase the number of letters by 1, thus destroying the numerical feature of the number of letters; and we would increase the numerical value of the vocabulary total 42,364 to 42,694 - the difference in numerical value between πατηρ and ανηρ being 330. This new value 42,694 is not a multiple of 7, thus destroying this feature. Also we would increase the numerical value of the 90 forms from 54,075 to 54,406 — the difference in numerical value between πατερα and ανδρα being 331. This new value, 54,406 is not a multiple of 7, thus destroying this feature.

The following tabulation will show the difference in numerical values between the words for

husband and father:

Husband (nom).	Father (nom).
a I	π 80
v 50	α Ι
η 8	7 300
p 100	η 8
-	ρ 100
159	
	489
	159
	330
Husband (acc).	Father (acc).
a I .	$\pi$ 80
v 50	a I
δ 4	τ 300
ρ 100	€ 5
a I	ρ 100
-	a I
156	-
	487
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	331

Since the text, as it has come down to us, has  $\alpha\nu\delta\rho\alpha$ , and these numerical features are all found therein, and since the substitution of  $\pi\alpha\tau\epsilon\rho\alpha$  for  $\alpha\nu\delta\rho\alpha$  would destroy at least two of these features, therefore we conclude that the text, as received, bears the stamp of being truly inspired by God, and our answer must be found therein.

So we will go back and take a good look at this

We find it listed in the Lexicon of Strong's Concordance under No. 435. It is described as a primitive word meaning a man (properly as an individual male); and is translated "man" twice as many times as it is translated "husband." It is translated husband only when applied to a man who has a wife. Mary had no husband in so far as Jesus was concerned. Genealogy was determined through the male line. The only man through whom Jesus could trace his genealogy back to David would have to be his mother's father. For genealogical purposes Joseph, Mary's father, would be her "man" or "male." So if we translate the words in question "Joseph, the male of Mary" we do no violence to either the text or to the meaning of arpp.

We might add a few numerical features of the 72 words of the vocabulary of Matt. I: 1-17.

56 (7  $\times$  8) of them are nouns.

The definite article "the" is the most frequently used word. It occurs  $56 \ (7 \times 8)$  times in 7 different forms.

<sup>\*</sup> The word γενεσις translated "generation" in the A.V. is translated "birth" in the 18th verse of this same chapter.

The Lexicon, or Vocabulary, form of the definite article has a numerical value of 70 (7  $\times$  10).

The form of the definite article most frequently used is the accusative. It is used 42 ( $6 \times 7$ ) times and has a combined numerical value of  $7 \times 7 \times 360$ , or  $7 \times 2,520$ . There is one more point that you emphasize and that is the female line. This should be emphasized, and it is emphasized in the numerical arrangement of the text. Of course this arrangement is apparent only in the Greek text, but for the benefit of those not used to the Greek, the English words of the A.V. will be used. Also only the words which make up the vocabulary as they are found in the Lexicon.

This genealogical account divides itself naturally into five sections.

#### Section I

		Verse	1	
I.	book		4.	Chris
2.	generation		5.	son
9.	Tesus		6.	David

#### Section II

7. Abraham

V	erses 2-0
1. Abraham	15. Esrom
2. begat	16. Aram
3. the	17. Aminadab
4. Isaac	18. Naasson
5. indec.	19. Salmon
6. Jacob	20. Booz
7. Judas	21. Rachab
8. and	22. Obed
9. brother	23. Ruth
10. his	24. Jesse
11. Phares	25. David
12. Zara	26. king
13. out-of	27. Solomon
14. Thamar	28. Urias

#### SECTION III

	Verses 7-11
1. Solomo	on 12. Achaz
2. indec.	13. Ezekias
3. begat	<ol> <li>Manasses</li> </ol>
4. the	15. Amon
5. Roboa	m 16. Josias
6. Abia	17. Jechonias
7. Asa	18. and
8. Josaph	at 19. brethren
9. Joram	20. his
10. Ozias	21. upon
11. Joatha	m 22. removal
	23. Babylon

#### SECTION IV

	VC	18CS 12-10
I.	after	14. Achim
2.	indec.	15. Eliud
3.	the	16. Eleazer
4.	removal	17. Matthan
5.	Babylon	18. Jacob
6.	Jechonias	19. Joseph
7.	begat	20. man (husband)
8.	Salathiel	21. Mary
9.	Zorobabel	22. out-of
10.	Abiud	23. who
	Eliakim	24. Jesus

#### Section V

25. called

26. Christ

		1 0100	-/	
1.	all		4.	generation
2.	therefore		5.	from
3.	the		6.	Abraham

7.	until		10.	and
8.	David		II.	removal
9.	fourteen		12.	Babylon
		10	Christ	

#### SUMMARY

Vocabulary of Section I, 7 words. Vocabulary of Section II, 28 ( $4 \times 7$ ) words. Vocabulary of Section III, 23 (10th prime no.). Vocabulary of Section IV, 26 ( $2 \times 13$ ) words. Vocabulary of Section V, 13 words.

Notice that the vocabularies of Sections I and II are multiples of 7, and those of Sections IV and V are multiples of 13, while that of Section III is 23, the 10th prime number. However, our intention is not to show all the numerical features, which are many, but to show how the female line is emphasized by the numerical order of the words used.

Let us look again at the five lists of vocabularies designated by the headings Sections I-V.

No women are mentioned in Sections I, III, and V.

Four women are mentioned in Section II. Ruth is No. 23, corresponding to the number of words in Section III. The other three, Thamar, Rachab and the wife of Uriah, are respectively Nos. 14  $(2 \times 7)$ , 21  $(3 \times 7)$ , and 28  $(4 \times 7)$ .

In Section IV only one woman is mentioned, Mary. She is No. 21 of this Section.

So we see that four out of the five women mentioned are pointed out by this numerical arrangement just as surely as if an arrow had pointed to each of them.

But this is not all. Mary has a double check on her name, as an examination of the Greek of verse 16 will show.

There are 15	1	Ιαχοβ	1	In the vocab-
words in this	2	δε	2	ulary of this
verse. Mary	3	εγεννησεν	3	verse there are
is the central	4	τον	4	12 words, of
one and, of	5	Ιωσηφ	5	which Mary
course, there	6	TOV	_	is the 7th.
are seven	7	ανδρα	6	The words un-
words before and after	8	Mapias	7	derlined have been used be-
Mary.	9	εξ	8	fore in this
,	10	ης	9	verse so are
	11	εγεννηθη		not counted in
	12	Ιησους	10	making up the
	13	0		vocabulary
	14	λεγομένος	11	count.
	15	Χριστος	12	

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#### Reasonable Understanding

Sirs:

The inspiration and increase in understanding I have received in reading Destiny and pursuing this channel of knowledge dealing with the National Message of the Bible and the Origin of the Anglo-Saxon Racial Group gives me, at long last, a deeper, more satisfying and reasonable understanding of the Bible and God's Plan for His People.

I wish all Americans might be brought to the Light of this Understanding. God's blessing in your earnest endeavors to awaken our people to their true position in the world.

Sincerely yours,

Jonesboro, Ark.

#### Explain More!

Sirs:

The articles in Destiny are far from convincing in many respects. What is this nebulous economic system ordained of God thro' Moses of which Destiny says so much but explains so little? It savors of the so-called Social Credit "system"!

Please refer to Clarence H. Booth's article on page 23 of the December Destiny — third column, lines 18-22. Who in the world would ever lend money upon "which interest . . . is prohibited" and for "cancellation of the loan (debt) every seven years;" Please have someone tell me how such an idea could operate.

Where is the sin in lending money at a reasonable rate of interest?

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OUR READER is referred to the Bible as the supreme textbook on economics. It fairly teems with economic notes and principles, speaks healingly as well as authoritatively.

Concerning the "economic system ordained of God thro' Moses," it is that Divine System under which our forefathers once lived successfully — a way of life destined to return again in greater power.

Concerning interest, the Bible is definite in the matter: "Thou shalt not take interest." (See "America Must Outlaw Interest" in DESTINY for June 1941.)

Concerning "how such an idea could operate," see "Economics of the Bible" in Destiny for September 1937.

Concerning ". . . at a reasonable rate of interest?," there is no "reasonable rate of interest" in the Divine Economic System.

"Who in the world would ever lend. . .?" We're doing it already nationally. The Lend-Lease bill is the greatest non-interest deal in the world's history.

Moreover, the currently low and still declining rates domestically are simply the cushion for the complete elimination of interest; destined to occur in the transition from our present economy to the Divine Economy. That transition is now in progress.

"Diagnosis and Treatment of Our Economic Ills" — an article which is piercing in analysis, timely in current and near-future importance, significant to every American businessman — will appear in Destiny for February. — Ed.

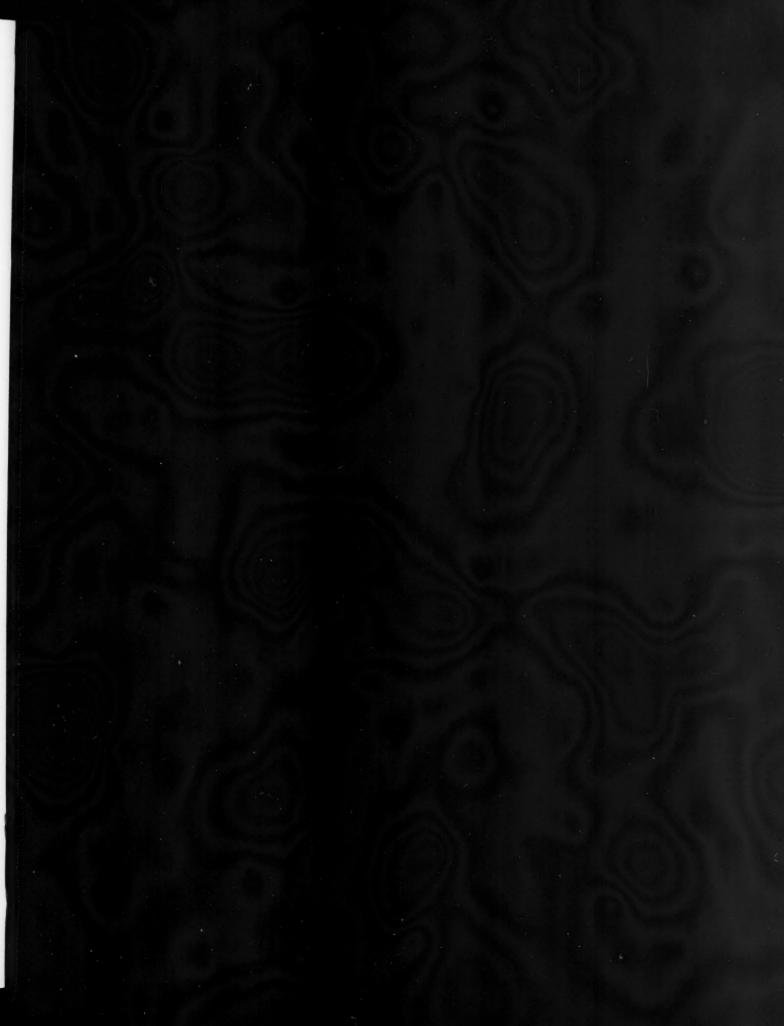
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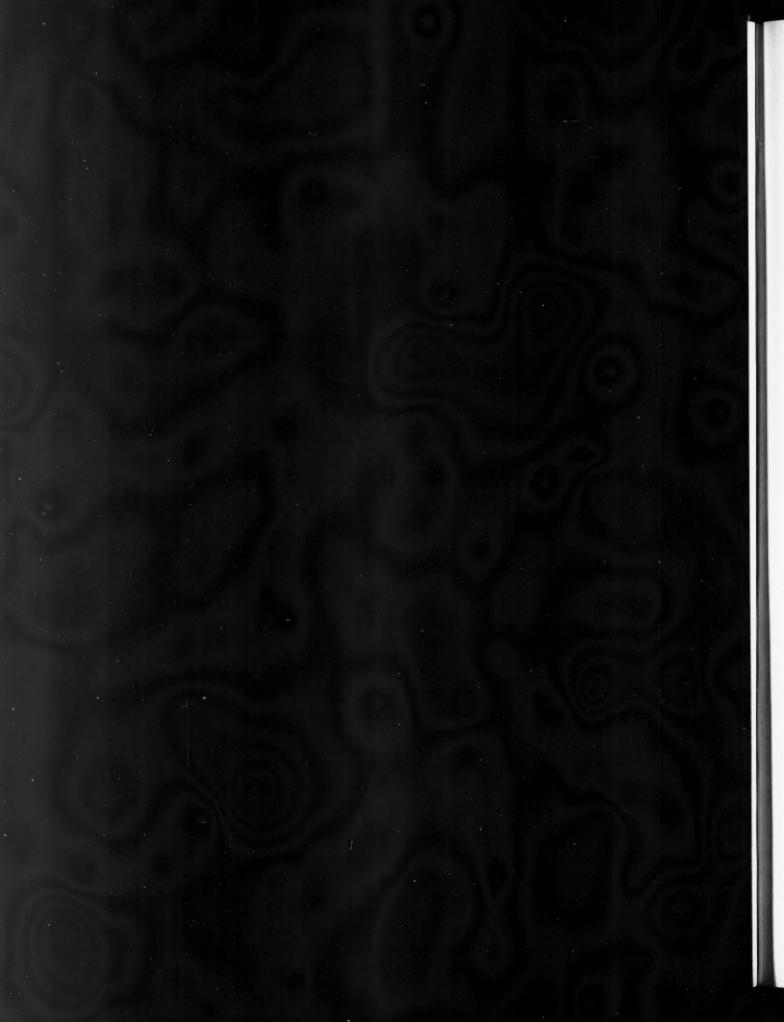
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# . . . I Prefer My Simpler, Rational Belief Rather Than Three Impossible Miracles

(By a Subscriber to Destiny)

Messenger and Servant People down to this day, it would not leave a void in my life. When a belief is abandoned, its place is taken by some other belief. So that in place of my sure belief in the identity of God's ancient people with the most progressive up-and-coming people of today, I should simply have to substitute some other belief dealing with the same state of facts. For facts, of course, cannot be changed in the least; I should only be compelled to adopt another method of explaining them.

I am told that my belief in the Identity implies a miracle. But my abandoning that belief would imply three miracles. Three colossal miracles, so utterly improbable and unnecessary that I should be unable to accept them myself, and would not dare propose them to the belief of my friends.

The first miracle is the complete vanishment of a great people (the People of the Book) from sight and knowledge after they had persisted in public view right into the Christian era, and then, without trace or report, completely disappeared in a day.

The second miracle is the sudden appearance on earth of the Anglo-Saxon, without ancestry, without beginnings or history, yet with disciplined character and national wisdom unrivalled by people with a lengthy history and a varied experience.

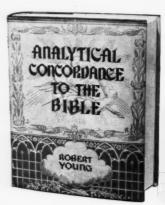
The third miracle is that, the people who so suddenly vanished, and the people who so suddenly appeared are *just alike*, and the new people took up the *same tasks* at precisely the same point geographically and historically and in precisely the same manner intellectually and spiritually as the old people had left off.

Anyone who could accept such miracles should have no difficulty in accepting the natural Biblical explanation that these two people are one, and that it is a matter of continuity and identity as the Bible declared it would be.

Yet, whoso denies that the People of the Book in ancient times and the Anglo-Saxon in modern times are one and the same people, must of necessity believe that Israel disappeared and Anglo-Saxons appeared at the same spot, at the same time, and that Anglo-Saxons assumed Israel's work without a moment's loss of time, and that all this occurred — these three great miracles were performed — without anyone prophesying it beforehand, observing it when it occurred, or recording it afterwards.

I prefer my simpler, more rational belief that Anglo-Saxons are Israel.

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